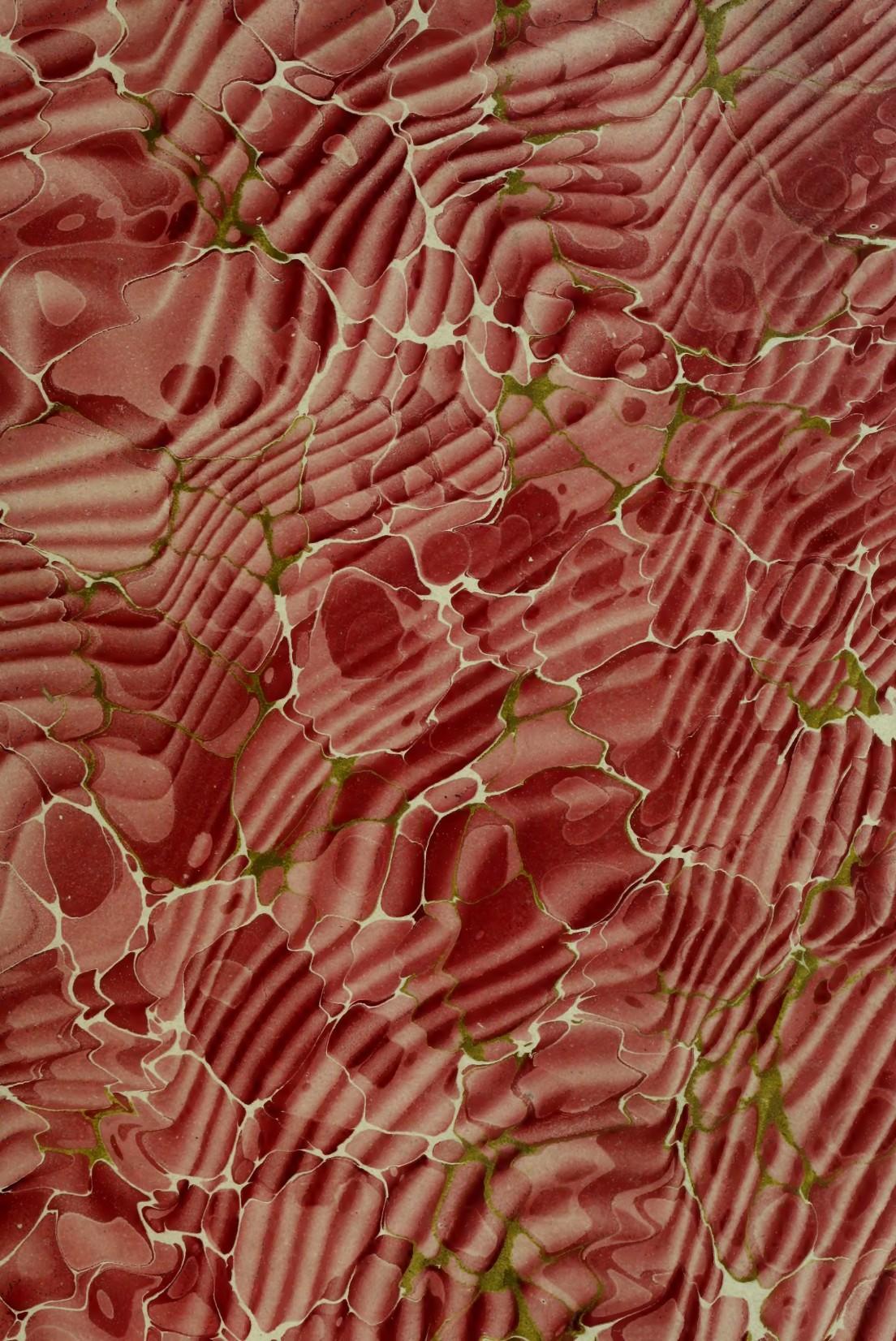


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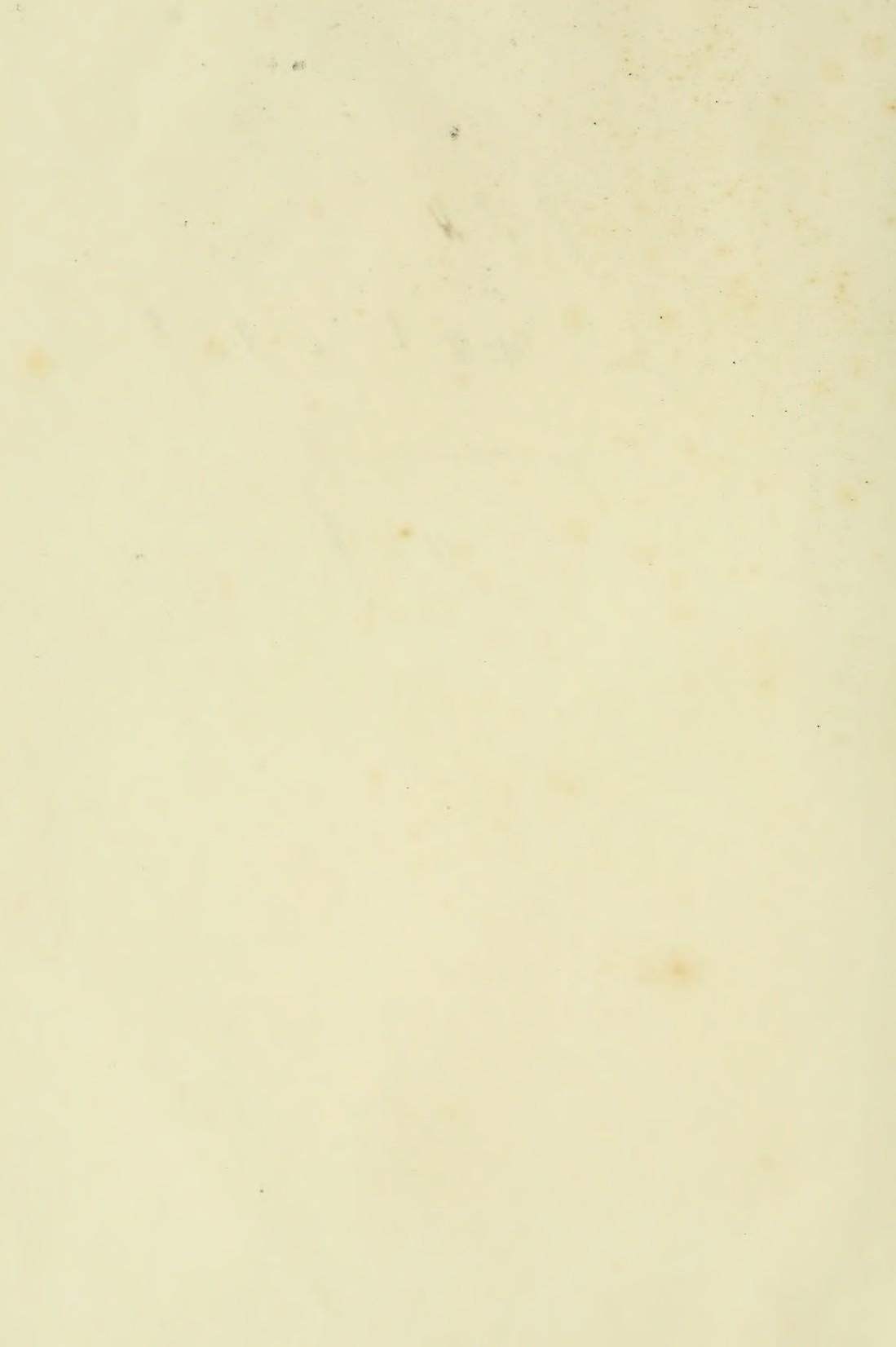


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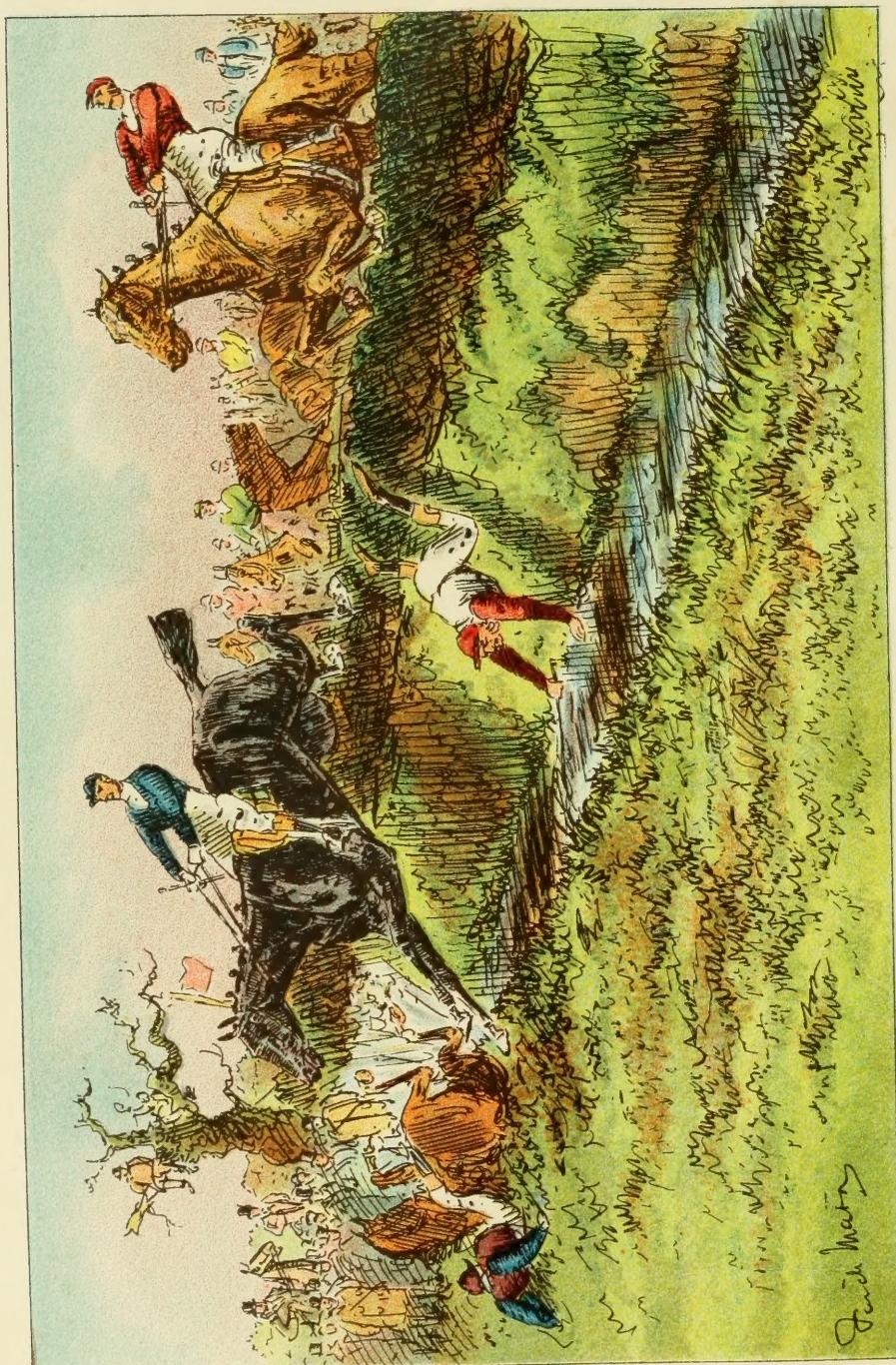
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The Christening of Becher's Brook.



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Dedication.

TO

MR. JOHN MAUNSELL RICHARDSON,

WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL

ON *DISTURBANCE AND REVENGE*, IN 1873-74,

AND ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED HORSEMEN

OF HIS, OR ANY OTHER TIME, THIS BOOK

IS DEDICATED AS A SLIGHT TOKEN OF

GRATITUDE FOR THE INVALUABLE

HELP AND ADVICE HE HAS

SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN TO

THE AUTHOR AT ALL

TIMES DURING ITS

PRODUCTION.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

WHEN, in view of the great popularity of the Grand National, which despite the undoubted decline of steeplechasing, grows more pronounced every year, it occurred to the Author that a History of the Race from its commencement might be acceptable to its admirers, not only from a readable point of view, but as a book of reference, his first step was to propound the scheme to a well known patron of the sports, and ask his candid opinion thereon. That gentleman's reply was given with a spontaneity quite refreshing to listen to. "Such a book," said he, "is bound to succeed! The only wonder to me is that it has never been thought of before." And his friends of *The Biographical Press*, on being applied to, taking a similar view, the Heroes and Heroines of the Grand National were at once put into strong work with a view to meeting their engagement with the public in the Spring.

Though their trainer may claim to have a tolerably intimate acquaintance with the subject, still no one was more fully alive to the fact than

himself that the success of the book was dependent in a great measure—almost entirely indeed—on the assistance it was likely to get from those sportsmen still with us, who, either as owners or riders, had taken an active part in the great cross-country race, and it was therefore with no little fear and trepidation that he awaited the result of his first batch of letters. A feeling quite unnecessary as it turned out.

The issue, indeed, was never in doubt for a moment, one and all of those appealed to responding so readily that he might well sit down in his saddle to write the first chapter, strong in the conviction that with such a start there could be no doubt of the result—no possible doubt whatever. For the earlier races, *Bell's Life in London*, and other newspapers of the period, had of course to be levied under contribution, and it was not until 1860 that those hardy veterans Mr. Thomas and Mr. E. C. Burton chipped in with their interesting reminiscences of Anatis, Bridegroom, Alcibiade, The Lamb, and Pathfinder, to be closely followed by Mr. J. M. Richardson, Mr. Garrett Moore, Prince Charles Kinsky, Lord Manners, Joe Cannon and Mr. E. P. Wilson, with anecdotes of the respective horses they had piloted to victory.

As to pictures, they came in shoals, His Majesty the King, the Earl of Coventry, Lord Marcus Beresford, Earl Poulett, Sir Charles Nugent, Colonel E. W. Baird, Mr. J. G. Bulteel, Mr. Bibby, the Honourable Aubrey Hastings, Mr. Arthur Yates, Mr. T. Cannon, Mr. Richard Marsh, Mr. Charles Archer, Colonel Richardson, Colonel Kirkwood, Mr. W. Jameson, Colonel Brocklehurst, Mr. Studd, Mr. J. C. Dormer, Mr. Alfred Holman, Mr. George Stevens and Mr. W. Nightingall, all coming forward in the handsomest manner.

Seeing that these portraits form the principal attraction of the book, the author takes the opportunity of tendering his sincere thanks to the above-named noblemen and gentlemen for their great kindness in permitting him to make use of them. A feeling which he is sure will be echoed by the purchasers of the book.

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*From a painting in the possession
of Mr. Thomas Jackson,*

JIM MASON,
LOTTERY
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1839.

MR. ELMORE.

THE FIRST GRAND NATIONAL.

LOTTERY.

1839.

AT the commencement of the year 1839 a syndicate of sportsmen, who had lately taken over the lease of the Grand Stand and Race-course at Aintree, where the Liverpool Races have been held from time immemorial, desirous of starting their new undertaking in a becoming manner, went forthwith into committee upon the subject, with the result that they determined to astonish the sporting world in general, and their fellow townsmen in particular, with what the linen drapers are pleased to call “a novelty in spring goods,” in the shape of a steeple-chase, the title and conditions of which were as follows :—

“THE GRAND LIVERPOOL STEEPELCHASE.—A sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, 5 forfeit, with 100 added ; 12 st. each, gentlemen riders ; 4 miles across the country ; the second to save his stake, and the winner to pay 10 sovs. towards expenses ; no rider to open a gate or ride through a gateway, or more than 100 yards along any road, footpath, or driftway.”

Steeplechasing was exceedingly popular just then, and such brilliant performers as The Nun, Pioneer,

Cannon Ball, and Lottery being amongst the fifty-five entries, the new race caused, as was only natural, great excitement in the world of sport.

The first Grand National—or, to call it by its original name: The Grand Liverpool Steeplechase—was put down to be run on Tuesday, February

26th, and that unusual interest was taken in it was shown by the large number of visitors who made their way to the scene of action.

A turf writer of the period thus describes the situation :— “ In the course of Sunday

and Monday visitors poured in from all quarters, and a high degree of excitement was manifested. The race-course was visited by hundreds; the line of country inspected (for secrecy here is impossible); the sporting houses were crowded to excess, and one of them—The Talbot—was honoured with the presence of several *Corinthians* from Melton.”



CAPTAIN BECHER.

He goes on to say : "On Tuesday morning the folks were astir betimes, for, in addition to the *Grand* affair, there was a second steeplechase in heats to be decided. The town, therefore, was soon in a delicious ferment ; the streets were thronged, and the customary queries 'How many *go*?' 'When do they start?' and 'Which is the favourite?' assailed our ears in every direction and in every possible variety of dialect."

Travellers talk of the *patois* of the French provinces as being unintelligible to even a Parisian ; what would a Londoner make of the concentrated *patois* of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Shropshire, and Gloucestershire ?

Needless to say, the concourse of people of all sorts that put in an appearance at Aintree to witness the first Grand National was something enormous, and knowing, as we of the present day do by experience, what an Aintree crowd can be like, both in number and quality, when we read that in consequence of the refusal of the "powers that be" at Liverpool to allow the services of the police to be used for the occasion, the keeping of the course was entrusted to a body of special constables laid on for the occasion, we can only wonder that the horses engaged in the race were able to get

through the ordeal at all. As it was, one of them, Rust, ridden by Mr. W. McDonough, on jumping into the lane was hemmed in by the mob, and kept there so long as to have any chance of winning he might have had effectually knocked on the head.

In the four miles and a bit that had to be travelled there were twenty-nine jumps, all of them, with two or three exceptions, easy of accomplishment. The exceptions were these:—

Brook No. 1, now known as "Becher's Brook," which, had it been left as nature made it, would have been simply a ditch five or six feet in width, with a slight drop and very little water, but as improved by "art" became a truly formidable obstacle, a strong timber fence, three feet high, having been placed about a yard from the bank in the taking off side, so that a horse to get fairly over would have to jump at least twenty-three or twenty-four feet, the difficulty being aggravated by the ground from which it was approached being ploughed land in a very heavy condition.

Brook No. 2 was what the reporter of the period termed "a very decent jump," made by converting a foot ditch into an eight-foot brook and placing timber in front.

Brook No. 3, approached from a ploughed field, consisted of a low bank, with a deep ditch or brook, and timber three feet high (but before the race depressed) on further side, the space between brook and timber being at least nine or ten feet. This was probably the brook known as "Valentine's."

Then in front of the Grand Stand was erected expressly for the occasion, but *not*, if the reporter of *Bell's Life in London* is to be believed, by particular desire, a wall 4 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height.

In the second round, too, a stiff post and rail topped with gorse was put up, as the same chronicler tells us with grim humour, "to conciliate those who were 'longing' for another touch at the wall."

Of the original fifty-five entries, but seventeen were left in, they being as follows :—

OWNER.	HORSE.	RIDDEN BY.
Mr. Elmore ...	Lottery ...	Jim Mason.
Sir G. Mostyn	Seventy Four	T. Oliver.
	(by Memnon)	
Mr. Theobald	Paulina ...	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Stephenson	True Blue ...	Mr. Barker.
Mr. J. S. Oswell	Dictator ...	Carlin.
Captain Childe	Conrad ...	Captain Becher.
Mr. Robertson	Cramp ...	Wilmot.
Mr. H. S. Bowen	Rambler ...	Morgan.
Mr. Ferguson	Daxon ...	Owner.
"	Barkston ...	Byrne.
"	Rust ...	Mr. W. McDonough.
	(by Master Bagot)	

6 HEROES AND HEROINES OF

OWNER.	HORSE.	RIDDEN BY.
Captain Marshal	Railroad	Mr. Powell.
Mr. Newcombe	Cannon Ball	Owner.
Captain Lamb	Jack	Wadlow. (by Marmaduke)
Mr. Vevers	Charity	Hardy. (by Woodman)
Lord McDonald	The Nun	Mr. McDonough.
Sir D. Baird	Pioneer	Mr. T. Walker.

The necessary preliminaries of weighing out and mounting being over, and the dense mob reduced into something like shape by the aforementioned "specials," Lord Sefton, who acted as starter—umpire he is termed in the report of the period—proceeded to marshal the seventeen competitors and conduct them to the starting field.

Arrived there, he gave them the usual directions to leave all the flags to the left, except an extra one placed at the upper end of the first brook for the purpose of making every horse take it, another flag being fixed at the lower end of the field. Had not this precaution been adopted it was competent for any of the riders to bear a little to the right, and by jumping an additional fence or two, avoid the brook altogether. His Lordship having said his say, down went the flag and the first Grand National had commenced.

Daxon and Conrad made strong running, and charged the first brook side by side. The former smashed right through the timber, but got over all right somehow, the pace he was going at probably doing the trick. Conrad ran up against it also, but without breaking it, throwing Captain Becher right over his head into the water beyond. The veteran did not seem, however, to take much account of the fall, though he shook his head as much as to say that water without brandy was not very palatable to him.

It is on record that the moment he realised the situation the gallant Captain formed up to receive cavalry close under the bank, and the rest of the horses cleared him in safety. It was this adventure that gave the obstacle the sobriquet of "Becher's Brook," a name that has clung to it ever since.

At the next brook all got over with the exception of Barkston.

At Brook No. 3 Daxon fell heavily, but got up again and went on, only to fall again the second time round at the second brook, The Nun, who jumped short, falling and rolling over him. Dictator also fell at the same place, but got up again and went at the next brook, but catching his knees

with great force against the timber on the landing side he was killed on the spot, having burst a bloodvessel. His jockey, fortunately, was unhurt.

Strange to say, the only animal who failed to negotiate the stone wall was *Charity*, who, hailing from Gloucestershire, where such obstacles were as plentiful as blackberries, was hardly expected to refuse as she did. Finally, *Lottery*, full of running, jumped the last fence in grand style, clearing thirty-three feet in so doing, and won easily by three lengths. Time : 14 minutes 53 seconds.

Rust and *The Nun* were the early favourites for the race, but on the day *Lottery* at 5 to 1 had the call of the market. The betting, however, is described as by no means heavy. The rule set down on the conditions of the race as to gentlemen riders appears to have been somewhat laxly observed, seeing that with one or two exceptions none of the riders could very well lay claim to the title. However, that is neither here nor there. The first Grand National seems to have been a genuine sporting affair from start to finish, and the pecuniary results must have given, we should imagine, unlimited satisfaction to the promoters, who little thought that they were giving birth to probably the most popular race of the year next

LOTTERY.
J. MASON.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1839.

*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. A. Yate.*



to the Derby. The conditions are altered, the country is different, the pace is quickened ; only the horses and their riders are pretty well much the same as they used to be. Some say the two latter have improved of late years ; others will have it that both have deteriorated.

This of course is a matter of opinion. "Both may be right and neither wrong," as Mr. Mantalini would say.

Lottery is thus described by The Druid. "He was a very peculiarly made horse, short in his quarters, deep in his girth, but light in his middle and back ribs ; with a perfect snaffle-bridle mouth, fine speed, and a very 'trap to follow.' When others could hardly rise at their fences, he seemed to jump as if from a spring-board. His jumping muscles were first brought into such high play by putting him into a ring, with flights of rails around it, and a man in the middle to keep him moving, and he perfected his jumping education with Mr. Anderson's staghounds."

Jim Mason, whose name will always be associated with that of Lottery, made his first appearance on Mr. John Elmore's famous horse in the last St. Albans Steeplechase which ever took place, in December, 1836, when he was third, Lottery being very much out of form at the time. Six

weeks later, however, he beat a good field at Barnet, Jim Mason jumping a flight of bullock rails extra with him, *en route* to the weighing place.

The redoubtable Jim was a tremendous dandy, his coats all coming from Poole, who, it was said, found it well worth his while to supply him with them free gratis for nothing, whilst the story went that the top boots he is represented wearing in Herring's well-known picture "Steeplechase Cracks," were the joint work of two distinct boot-makers, Bartley of Oxford Street doing the legs, and Wren of Knightsbridge the feet. He invariably wore white kid gloves too when riding, as depicted in the picture just named.

The late Major Whyte-Melville was very fond of introducing him into his novels, and the portrait of Mr. Varnish, the swell horse dealer, who Mr. Sawyer took for a real live lord, during his famous visit to the Shires, was recognisable at once.

This great horseman—the most celebrated perhaps of the century he lived in—died in October, 1866, and was buried at Kensal Green, not a great way from the scene of many of his riding exploits.

Speaking of Lottery's owner—or rather part owner, Mr. Yates, father of the one and only Arthur,

having a share—Mr. John Elmore, The Druid goes on to say: “Grimaldi, Lottery, Jerry, Gaylad, The Weaver, Sam Weller, and British Yeoman, bore the ‘blue and black cap,’ in turn; but Lottery was the only one he cared to talk much about. His friends used to laugh at this ‘Horncastle horse,’ who was lamed with larking the day he got him, but he always said, ‘*You may laugh, but you'll see it come out,*’ and well was his patience rewarded. When the horse had ceased to defy creation with Jim Mason under thirteen stone-seven, if ever a friend went down for an afternoon with Jack at Uxendon, he would order him to be saddled. ‘*Hang it!*’ he would say, ‘*have you never been on the old horse? Get up!*’ and be the ground ever so hard, or the fences ever so blind, he would insist on their backing him, one after the other, if there were half a dozen of them. He would turn him over anything; and occasionally it would be the iron hurdles between the garden and the paddock, or for lack of a handier fence, he would put two rustic garden chairs together.”

The following lively ditty, written by an unknown hand—at least, it may be taken for granted so, as there is no signature to it—commemorative of Lottery’s Grand National, appeared the following

Sunday in the columns of *Bell's Life in London*, and as it may possibly amuse my readers if only from its "go," I venture to give it in full :—

"THE GRAND LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE."

Air.—"Bow, wow, wow."

"Ye lads who love a steeplechase, and danger freely court, sirs,
Hark forward all to Liverpool to join the gallant sport, sirs ;
The English and the Irish nags are ready for the fray, sirs,
And which may lose and which may win, 'tis very hard to say, sirs.

Chorus: Bow, wow, wow ; odds against the favourite,
Bow, wow, wow.

"More brilliant cattle never ran, in limb as stout as heart, sirs,
In breathless expectation all, and eager for the start, sirs ;
The riders governing the quads with courage and with skill, sirs,
Despising rasper, brook, and fence, *cold duck*, and break neck spill,
sirs.

Chorus: Bow, wow, wow ; neck or nothing are the words,
Bow, wow, wow.

"The sun in splendour from on high smiles sweetly on the chase, sirs,
And warm excitement fills the soul and gladdens every face, sirs ;
The young, and old, and middle-aged in countless myriads pour, sirs,
And such a concourse never met at Liverpool before, sirs.

Chorus: Bow, wow, wow ; what a chance for prophecy !
Bow, wow, wow.

"That Lottery don't win the heat, the odds are 5 to 1, sirs,
20 to 1 against True Blue, and 6 against The Nun, sirs ;
Whilst sundry sportsmen make their bets against the Irish nag, sirs,
And, in the chase, swore Seventy Four will shortly strike its flag,
sirs.

Chorus: Bow, wow, wow ; Cannon Ball will soon *go off*,
Bow, wow, wow.

" That Railroad ought to show good speed by proud opponents
drubbing,

'Gainst Daxon it is 8 to 1, and Rust will soon want scrubbing ;
And Pioneer, all in the rear, from every hope must roam, sirs,
And long 'twill be ere Charity will find itself at home, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; Cramp will soon be doubled up,
Bow, wow, wow.

" Lord Waldegrave's Mirth will soon look sad, and humble the
Dictator,

Fury, 'tis certain, will be spent, Revenge a harmless cratur ;
Whalebone will speedily be stiff, Victory no laurels earn, sirs,
And Dan O'Connell, with his tail, be very far astern, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; surely he didn't mane to win !
Bow, wow, wow.

" 'Tis nearly three, by Heaven they're off ! do mark each gallant
steed, sirs,

And see in what superior style brave Daxon takes the lead, sirs ;
Lottery, Nun, and Seventy Four close following in the rear, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; splendid creatures every one,
Bow, wow, wow.

" See Conrad, frightened by the crowd, refuses the first ditch, sirs,
And Becher, over head and heels, has got a gentle pitch, sirs ;
And Cannon Ball is on the turf, and there it may for ever lie,
Whilst Nun and others that I've named performed their duty
cleverly.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; darting forward for the goal,
Bow, wow, wow.

" Barkston is down and Daxon too, whilst leading on the fun, sirs,
And in attempting to get up, unkindly floored The Nun, sirs,
And Charity now takes the lead a little in advance, sirs,
A nag which some wiseacres sure would never have a chance, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; knowing ones are often wrong.
Bow, wow, wow

“ But Charity in horse and man too often is asleep, sirs,
 And the stone wall it does not like, it will not take the leap, sirs ;
 Railroad goes over like a shot, as rapid as the wind, sirs,
 True Blue, Lottery, Nun, and Jack all following close behind, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; hard to name the winner now,
 Bow, wow, wow.

“ See Lottery is all ahead, o'er rasper, fence, and thicket,
 Now what a chance for Lottery ! Hurrah, boys, that's the ticket !
 He dashes on at winning pace, all peril he defies, sirs,
 And 2 to 1 that Lottery is winner of the prize, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; some will look extremely blank,
 Bow, wow, wow.

“ The lightning speed of Lottery despises all control, sirs,
 And by two lengths or more, at length he bravely gains the goal
 sirs,
 Long faces there are, *quantum suff*—some bursts of indignation,
 And many a tempting yellow-boy changed hands on the occasion.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; money makes the mare to go,
 Bow, wow, wow.

“ Then here's success to Lottery, the glory of his race, sirs,
 In sporting annals may he shine, a noble steeplechaser.
 And Seventy Four, the second horse, for losing is no crime, sirs,
 And may he boast of better luck, and win another time, sirs,

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; may his flag in triumph wave,
 Bow, wow, wow.

“ And long may sport in Liverpool, a station proud maintain, sirs,
 And let us drink the Steeplechase in bumpers of champagne, sirs ;
 And if levanters should be found, the more will be the pity, sirs,
 So down from *Pegasus* I drop—and here I close my ditty, sirs.

Chorus : Bow, wow, wow ; mustn't ride the hack too hard,
 Bow, wow, wow.”



From a drawing by Henry Alken.

THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1840.
THE SCENE AT THE WALL.

JERRY.

1840.

Entrance 20 sovs. each with £150 added; £30
to second horse; third to save stake;
12 st. each.

Mr. Villebois' *Jerry*, by Catterick Mr. Bretherton.

Mr. Barry's **Arthur*, by Sir Hercules—Angelica
Mr. A. McDonough.

Mr. Power's **Valentine*, by Fentiman ... Owner.

Marquis of Waterford's *The Sea*, by Whalebone
Owner.

Mr. Elmore's *Lottery*, 7 lb. extra, by Lottery
J. Mason.

**Spolasco*, by Master Richard Rose.

Lord McDonald's **The Nun*, by Calton
Mr. Powell.

Marquis of Waterford's **Columbine* ... Mr. Won.
Hasty, by Sir Harry ... Rigg.

Sir G. Mostyn's *Seventy Four*, by Memnon
Tom Oliver.

Weathercock, by Strephon Barker.

**The Augean*, by Sir Hercules
Christian.

NOTE.—Those starred were Irish horses.

BETTING.

3 to 1 agst. The Nun.

8 to 1 agst. Arthur.

4 " 1 " Lottery.

10 " 1 " Cruickshank.

7 " 1 " Seventy Four.

12 " 1 " Jerry.

THE RACE.

Though set for half-past one it was nearly half-past three before the eleven runners faced the starter. All went well until Becher's Brook was reached, when a collision between Cruickshank and Weathercock caused the latter to fall and roll over Barker, who was so seriously injured that he had to be carried to a farm-house hard by. Mr. Power, who rode his own horse, Valentine, with the object of winning a heavy bet that he had made that he would be first over the wall, brought the field along from this point at a tremendous pace, and he and Lottery bore down on the obstacle in question, nearly abreast. Valentine cleared it safely, but Lottery, whose head was hardly straight at the time, charging the obstacle in most impetuous fashion, breasted it and fell heavily, an example which was followed immediately afterwards by Columbine, The Nun, and Seventy Four, Tom Oliver, who rode the latter, in getting up being badly kicked and his collar-bone broken.

The scene at this moment was well described as "terrific." Four out of the first five on the ground, and several others close behind. Providentially, however, there was no further accident. Powell remounted The Nun, but the mare was so lame, that he pulled her up after going a few hundred yards. Jim Mason, on the other hand—to quote the reporter of the period—was *convinced* and *gave in*.

From the unlucky wall, the race was confined to Jerry, Arthur, and Valentine, who alternately led for three or four fields, where Arthur took them along at a great pace to the second brook (presumably Valentine's), but losing his footing, pitched on his head, turning a complete somersault. Alan McDonough, stunned though he was, remounted, and turning his horse's fine speed to account, managed to catch the leaders at the race-course, on to which Jerry was the first to land.

The latter smashing through the last hurdle, was at once challenged by Valentine, who, however, was soon beaten off, only to be replaced by Arthur, whose effort was so determined that for a moment the race was in doubt. The English nag, however, outstayed the Irishman, and in the end won cleverly by four lengths, the same distance between second

and third. How Jerry would have fared had Lottery kept on his legs, may easily be imagined.

Time: 12 minutes 30 seconds.

The betting in connection with Lottery had been of a most perplexing character all through the piece. Though for some time past he had been freely operated against in town, he came to 5 to 4 a week previous to the race. The night before, however, the odds expanded to 2 to 1, to be increased to 4 to 1 on the day. Report had it that Elmore was interested in Jerry, some indeed went so far as to say that he actually owned that horse.

This, however, was not the fact, as though the horse once belonged to Elmore when Jerry ran at Liverpool, he was the property of Lord Sheffield, though for private reasons he ran in the name of Mr. Villebois.

That the fall of Lottery at the wall was a bitter disappointment to his countless admirers goes without saying, and these let themselves go on the subject to such an extent as to call forth the following letter from the Editor of *Bell's Life in London*, in the next Sunday's edition of his paper.

"We have received several communications

anent the Lottery portion of the steeplechase; some 'bearing up' stoutly; others *per contra*, insisting that the odds and the amount laid out against him were *prima facie* evidence of 'bad intentions.' We can only say in reply, that whatever construction may be put on the betting, it would seem that no unfavourable interpretations could be assumed with regard to Mr. Elmore in the race. We collect that Lottery did his best at the wall; and it requires a strong stretch of imagination to suppose that that fall was purposed by the animal, or that it was any part of the rider's intentions. We must leave the matter here, as it would be idle as well as unjustifiable in us to adopt or give currency to the speculations and surmises of disappointed parties which are afloat. Steeplechases like other games of chance are *Lotteries*, and the losers must abide by their luck, good or bad."

CHARITY.

1841.

The conditions of the race this year included the proviso that the winner of the Cheltenham Steeple-chase in 1840 should carry 18 lb. extra. This race of course was framed expressly for the benefit of Lottery, who had already won the race in question at the time the conditions were framed. It says much therefore for Mr. Elmore's belief in his horse's powers that he should have run Lottery with such a crusher as 13 st. 4 lb. on his back. As might have been expected the weight told, the more so, as the pace was severe throughout, and Jim Mason therefore pulled Lottery up when he found he had no chance of winning.

In view of the accident of the previous year, the wall was dispensed with on this occasion, and an artificial brook, ten feet wide and three deep, masked by a thick fence, substituted.

12 st. each.

Lord Craven's *Charity*, by Woodman Mr. Powell.
Mr. Anderson's *Cigar*, by Petworth

A. McDonough.

Hon. F. Craven's <i>Peter Simple</i> , by Arbutus	
	Walker.
Lord Villiers' <i>Goblin</i> , by Phantom ...	Bretherton.
Captain Nugent's <i>The Hawk</i> , by Prendergast	
	Saunders.
Mr. Robertson's <i>Legacy</i> , by Petworth	
	W. McDonough.
Mr. Elmore's <i>Lottery</i> (carried 13 st. 4 lb.), by	
Lottery Jim Mason.	
Mr. Villebois's <i>Revealer</i> , by Reveller	Mr. Barker.
Captain Price's <i>Selim</i> Owner.	
Sir G. Mostyn's <i>Seventy Four</i> , by Memnon	
	Mr. Whitworth.
Mr. Smith's <i>Oliver Twist</i> , by Flexible	Mr. Oliver.

BETTING.

5 to 2 agst. Lottery.	14 to 1 agst. Seventy Four.
4 „ 1 „ Cigar.	14 „ 1 „ Charity.
6 „ 1 „ Peter Simple.	100 „ 6 „ The Hawk.
12 „ 1 „ Legacy.	

Selim went off with a strong lead, jumping Becher's Brook two lengths ahead of the others, all getting over without a mistake, with the exception of Goblin and Selim, who had fallen in the interim ; the whole field charged the water together at a splitting pace, the style they cleared it eliciting enthusiastic cheers from the onlookers.

Charity, Cigar, and Lottery—the latter of whom had by this time had about enough of it—jumped the hedge out of the lane nearly abreast, but Charity was the first to land on the race-course, two or three lengths ahead of the other two, who in a few strides were joined by Peter Simple, Revealer, The Hawk, Seventy Four, and Goblin, the spectacle, as the lot entered the straight course in a line, being of the most animated description.

A quarter of a mile from home only Charity and the two greys were in it, a tremendous race home ensuing between the trio.

It was anybody's race in fact until the final hurdle was reached, where a scrimmage occurred, and Charity gaining a two lengths' advantage, went on and won by that distance, a neck separating second and third.

Time: 13 minutes 25 seconds.



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of Mr. J. Darw.*

GAVIAD,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1842.

GAYLAD.

1842.

This year the conditions were slightly altered, there being no added money to the entrance of 23 sovs. each, and the owner of second merely having his stake returned. Lottery was again penalised 18 lb. for winning the Cheltenham Steeplechase of 1840, and not only ran, but carried his heavy burden in gallant fashion the greater part of the journey.

The rest as usual carried 12 st. each.

Mr. Elmore's *Gaylad*, by Brutandorf ... T. Oliver.

Lord Mostyn's *Seventy Four*, by Memnon Powell.

Mr. Hunter's *Peter Simple*, by Arbutus ... Owner.

Mr. W. J. Hope-Johnstone's *The Returned*, by Monreith Owner.

Mr. James Mason's *Sam Weller*, by Strephon
Barker.

Mr. Elmore's *Lottery*, by Lottery ... Jim Mason.

Lord Waterford's *Columbine* ... Larry Byrne.

Mr. Ferguson's *Banathlath*, by Cameleopard
Colgan.

Hon. C. Forester's <i>Lady Langford</i> , by Sir Hercules	
	Abbott.
Mr. Ramsay's <i>Bangalore</i> , by Swap	Captain Peel.
Mr. Moore's <i>Anonymous</i> , by Prince	... Owner.
Lord Maidstone's <i>Satirist</i> , by Sir Gilbert	
	Bretherton.
Mr. R. Ekin's <i>Lucks-All</i>	... ... Goddard.
Lord Clanricarde's <i>Honesty</i> , by Sir Hercules	
	W. McDonough.
Baron Rothschild's <i>Consul</i> , by Irish Napoleon	
	Oldaker.

BETTING.

5 to 1 agst. Lottery.	10 to 1 agst. Consul.
6 „ 1 „ Seventy Four.	100 „ 7 „ Satirist.
6 „ 1 „ Peter Simple.	15 „ 1 „ The Returned.
7 „ 1 „ Gaylad.	20 „ 1 „ Banathlath.
8 „ 1 „ Sam Weller.	20 „ 1 „ Bangalore.
10 „ 1 „ Lucks-All.	

THE RACE.

At the second fence Lady Langford blundered and was left, Columbine then made the pace hot to the plough before Becher's Brook, which Anonymous, who had ran through his horses, cleared first, the others, with the exception of Consul, who was knocked over by The Returned, getting over handsomely. Sam Weller at the next fence, butted

against the bank, throwing Barker into the next field.

Columbine now resumed the lead, but was passed at the canal by Peter Simple, who, pulling his rider out of the saddle, rushed impetuously at the artificial brook, and being weakly handled, nearly came on his head on landing. All the rest got over. Peter Simple now took up the running at a tremendous pace to the starting field, where he was headed by Banathlath. At Becher's Brook Seventy Four was over first, followed by Peter Simple, Gaylad, Lottery, and The Returned.

Banathlath now succumbed, and Lottery was pulled up, leaving Gaylad second, and Peter Simple third.

At this point it looked any odds on Seventy Four, for not only had he a great lead, but was skimming his fences in splendid style, and pulling double the while. On nearing the canal ditch, when Powell took a pull at him, Gaylad nearly reached him, but no sooner had he landed than he took a start of twenty or thirty lengths and was first on the course with every appearance of winning in a canter. Gaylad came next and then Peter Simple, who was baulked by the crowd at the bullfinch out of the lane, and threw his jockey.

Meanwhile Seventy Four maintained his lead to the turn for the straight run up the course, when he began to tire, and Gaylad, although in difficulties, struggled on with such effect that he was level at the last hurdle, which both crashed through, Seventy Four hardly rising at all.

At this point, the latter showed his old temper, and cutting it the moment he was collared, left Gaylad to win by four lengths. Two lengths off Peter Simple was third, four lengths ahead of The Returned.

Time : $13\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

There seems to be little doubt that Peter Simple's impetuosity, coupled with want of power on the part of his jockey, lost him the race, whilst Seventy Four, a notorious rogue, would probably have made a better race of it had he waited, for it is certain he had never been fitter in his life.

Elmore was reported to have won a good stake by the result, but would have been better suited, so it was said, by the victory of Sam Weller, who fell in the second round.

VANGUARD.

1843.

This year the executive made an important alteration in their programme, the race, which had been rechristened “The Liverpool and National Steeplechase,” becoming a handicap for the first time; whilst as they were no longer afraid of poor old Lottery, the conditions were so altered that winners from the date of declaration were to carry 5 lb. extra only, instead of the 18 lb. they were wont to compliment him with.

The wall, too, which had been done away with the previous year, was again revived on a smaller scale, being 4 feet high, constructed masonically with a layer of turf on the top.

Interesting as usual, the attraction on this occasion was curiosity to see whether Peter Simple, who had recently displayed extraordinary powers, would go on and establish a permanent reputation for himself as a horse of the people.

Lord Chesterfield's *Vanguard*, by Belzoni, 11 st.

10 lb. T. Oliver.

Mr. Mare's *Nimrod*, 11 st. Scott.

Mr. Holman's n. g. <i>Draggsman</i> , 11 st. 3 lb.	Crickmere.
Mr. W. Ekin's <i>Peter Simple</i> , 13 st. 1 lb. (5 lb. extra).	Frisby.
Mr. Elmore's <i>Lottery</i> , 12 st. 6 lb. ...	Mason.
Mr. W. Sterling Crawford's <i>The Returned</i> , 12 st.	Major Campbell.
Baron Rothschild's <i>Consul</i> , 11 st. 12 lb.	Oldaker.
Lord Waterford's <i>Redwing</i> , 11 st. 10 lb.	Doolan.
Mr. T. Taylor's <i>Victoria</i> , 11 st. 10 lb. ...	Owner.
Colonel Anson's <i>Claude Duval</i> , 11 st. 7 lb.	Tomblin.
Mr. Hunt's <i>Tinderbox</i> , 11 st. 7 lb. ...	G. Moore.
Mr. Kennedy's <i>Teetotum</i> , 11 st. 7 lb.	Owner.
Mr. Errington's <i>Goblin</i> , 11 st. 6 lb. ...	Bretherton.
Hon. F. Craven's <i>Croxby</i> , 11 st. 6 lb.	W. McDonough.
Mr. R. Hunter's <i>Bucephalus</i> , 11 st. 5 lb.	Whitworth.
Mr. Lamplugh's <i>The Romp</i> , 11 st. ...	Holingshed.

BETTING.

3 to 1 agst. Peter Simple.	10 to 1 agst. Dragsman.
4 „ 1 „ Lottery.	10 „ 1 „ Nimrod.
4 „ 1 „ The Returned.	12 „ 1 „ Vanguard.
8 „ 1 „ Redwing.	

THE RACE.

There had been a sharp frost overnight, and there was still a thin coating of ice in the ditches, but no exception could be taken to the going when the pick of the steeplechase world went to the post to compete in the race, which, commencing five years before in so unpretentious a way, has since developed into a national event, which at the present time runs that old-established favourite the Derby very close indeed for public favouritism.

Lord Sefton gives the signal and away they go on their four-mile journey. The sportsmen from the Vale of Aylesbury, who have journeyed to Aintree to see Consul win, are soon out of their misery, for the Baron's horse refuses at the very first fence, so does Romp, whilst the fifth fence proves fatal to Victoria. Vanguard leads to the wall, but the hard pulling Peter Simple, who has got the upper hand of his jockey, runs up to him, and the pair take it abreast, closely followed by Nimrod and The Returned.

And now the excitement begins in earnest, for Tinderbox, going at the wall full tilt, catches it

full with his chest and sending the masonry flying right and left, rolls over amongst the *débris* on the top of his unhappy jockey.

Immediately in his wake comes Teetotum, whose jockey sports a set of locks worthy of Antinous himself. Another second and he is on top of the prostrate Tinderbox, and the Hyperion curls are laid low in the dust. Lottery is just behind and only escapes by a miracle, the fallen horses being right across his track. After jumping Becher's Brook, where Croxby breaks down, Dragsman shows the way to Vanguard, Peter Simple, Lottery, and The Returned, the others apparently out of it. In the ploughed field next the road The Returned takes a drain which unsteadies him for the time being, as a drain is in the habit of doing occasionally, then Dragsman swerving at the fence, suddenly changes his mind, and jumps sideways over a gate, chucking his rider on his neck, and bolting with him down the lane before the latter could pick up his reins.

This *contretemps* lets up Vanguard, who, followed closely by the mighty Nimrod, lands first on the race-course, a desperate race between the pair right up to the last hurdle, ending in a victory for Vanguard by three lengths, Dragsman half a length away

being third, Claude Duval fourth, Goblin fifth, Bucephalus sixth, and Lottery—whose last appearance at the Theatre Royal, Aintree, it was—seventh.

DISCOUNT.

1844.

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| 1. Mr. Quartermaine's <i>Discount</i> , 10 st. 12 lb. | |
| | Crickmere. |
| 2. Mr. S. Crawfurd's <i>The Returned</i> , 12 st. | Scott. |
| 3. Mr. Tilbury's <i>Tom Tug</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. | Rackley. |
| 4. Lord Maidstone's <i>Cæsar</i> , 11 st. 10 lb. | Barker. |
| Mr. Ekin's <i>Peter Simple</i> , 12 st. 12 lb. | Frisby. |
| Mr. Milbank's <i>Robinson</i> , 12 st. 7 lb. ... | Parker. |
| Lord Maidstone's <i>Wiverton</i> , 12 st. 4 lb. | Oliver. |
| Mr. W. Scott's <i>Heslington</i> , 12 st. | W. McDonough. |
| Lord E. Russell's <i>Lather</i> , 11 st. 2 lb. ... | Ball. |
| Sir J. Gerrard's nd. <i>Louis Philippe</i> , 11 st. | Cowell. |
| Mr. Hollinshead's <i>Little Peter</i> , 10 st. 12 lb. | |
| | Owner. |
| Mr. Mare's <i>Nimrod</i> , 10 st. 10 lb. | A. McDonough. |
| Mr. Bretherton's <i>Marengo</i> , 10 st. 10 lb. | Sharkey. |
| Lord S. Bentinck's nd. <i>The Romp</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. | |
| | Byrne. |
| Mr. Vever's <i>Charity</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. ... | Powell. |



DISCOUNT.

SWITCHER.

PETER SIMPLE.

PIONEER.

LOTTERY.

*By no means of
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SHEEPCHASE CRACKS,
FROM THE PAINTING BY J. F. HERRING, SENR.

BETTING.

5 to 1 agst. Marengo (taken).	14 to 1 agst. Robinson.
5 „ 1 „ Discount (taken).	14 „ 1 „ Nimrod.
8 „ 1 „ Heslington.	15 „ 1 „ The Returned.
8 „ 1 „ Wiverton.	20 „ 1 „ Louis Philippe.
12 „ 1 „ Charity.	25 „ 1 „ The Romp.

BETTING AT THE START.

5 to 1 agst. Discount.	14 to 1 agst. Nimrod.
5 „ 1 „ Marengo.	15 „ 1 „ The Returned.
8 „ 1 „ Heslington.	20 „ 1 „ Louis Philippe.
8 „ 1 „ Wiverton.	25 „ 1 „ The Romp.
13 „ 1 „ Charity.	

THE RACE.

In the pouring rain the horses were despatched on their journey at 3 o'clock to a capital start, The Returned at once going to the front. All went well to the third fence when Heslington refused, as did Robinson two fences further on. The Returned was now passed by Tom Tug, whose jockey was quite unable to hold him, and The Romp. At the fence after Becher's Peter Simple fell, whilst later on Charity came down at the artificial water. On going into the country for the second time, Peter Simple, who had been remounted, caught them up. Tom Tug, Marengo, The Returned, and Lather jumped on to the race-course abreast, but Discount,

full of running, came with a wet sail when fairly in the straight, and passing them with the greatest ease, went on and won in a canter by twenty lengths. The Returned was next, a length in front of Tom Tug. Cæsar was fourth, Lather fifth, then The Romp, Marengo, Little Peter, and Louis Philippe, one and all very distressed.

Time : A few seconds under 14 minutes.

Owing to the recent break up of the frost, the ground was very heavy, and to make it more trying, the race itself was run in a downpour of rain.

The course was the same as usual, the only alteration being the substitution of a post and rail fence for the stone wall.

Tom Tug was fully expected by his party to pull through, the orders given to his jockey being to wait until about a quarter of a mile from home, when he was to come along and win if he could. The horse, however, was such an inveterate puller that he got the upper hand of his rider from the very commencement, and after clearing the first fence, tore away in front of the rest until he literally ran himself to a standstill, his unfortunate jockey being in such an exhausted state from his exertions that he had to be lifted off his horse in a fainting condition. Discount,

on the other hand, was ridden with the greatest judgment and skill. The horse's original name was *Magnum Bonum*, and after running unsuccessfully in some small races, was sold to a Mr. Durham for £80, who in his turn passed him on at a small profit to Mr. Payne, a horse-dealer of Market Harboro'.

This worthy sold him to what "Soapy" Sponge's horse-dealing friend Mr. Benjamin Buckram would have termed a "Leicestersheer swell" for £350, who however was so dissatisfied with his bargain that he offered Payne £50 to take him back. Sundry others of the hard-riding division at Melton now gave the horse a trial, but could make nothing of him, and so long did he hang on his hands that his owner at last began to look upon him in the light of a white elephant. As no one down in his part of the world would have anything to say to *Magnum Bonum*, Mr. Payne, in sheer desperation, offered him to Mr. Quartermaine, the well-known dealer of Piccadilly, who, when he at last came to a deal, after bidding less and less money for the horse every time he saw him, re-christened him *Discount* on the spot. A highly appropriate name under the circumstances, as we think most of our readers will agree.

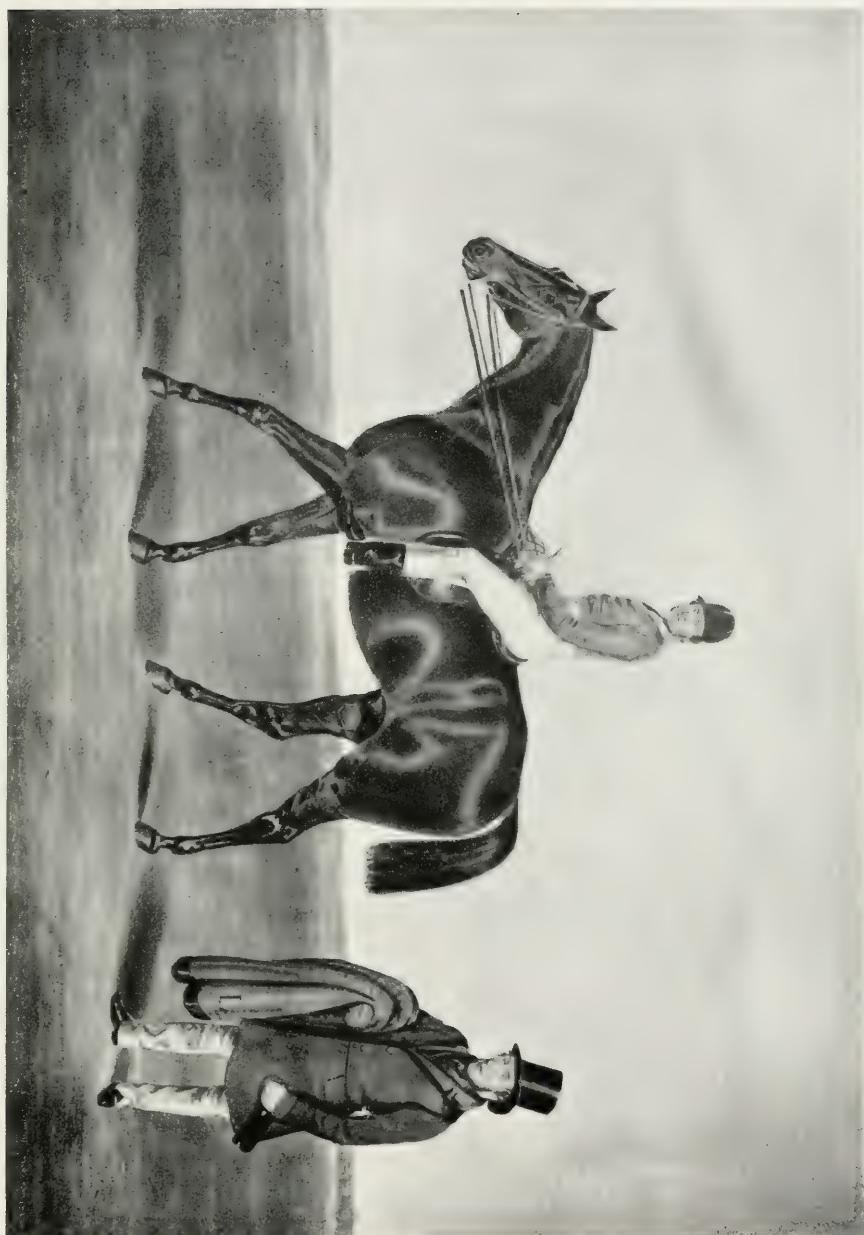
CURE-ALL.

1845.

1. Mr. W. S. Crawford's ng. br. g. *Cure-All*, by Physician, aged, 11 st. 5 lb. Loft.
2. Mr. Thornton's gr. h. *Peter Simple*, 11 st. 12 lb. Frisby.
3. Captain Boyd's b. g. *The Exquisite*, 11 st. 12 lb. Byrne.
4. Mr. J. T. Blackburn's ns. bk. g. *Tom Tug*, 10 st. 2 lb. Crickmere.
- Mr. T. Oliver's b. g. *Vanguard*, 12 st. 10 lb. Owner.
- Mr. Holman's ch. g. *The Page*, 11 st. 10 lb. Holman.
- Mr. Perkin's ns. Captain France's b. m. *Brenda*, 11 st. 7 lb. J. Abbott.
- Mr. J. Kelly's *Clansman*, 11 st. 6 lb. ... Kelly.
- Mr. Barnett's *Boxkeeper*, 11 st. 4 lb. ... Bradley.
- Mr. Atkinson's ch. h. *Ceremony*, 11 st. T. Abbott.
- Mr. Milbank's gr. g. *Peter Swift*, 10 st. 12 lb. Powell.

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CUREAU.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1825.



BETTING AT START.

At the last moment before the race the favourite, The Knight Templar, having met with an accident, was scratched. The horse had attained to 5 to 1 at Tattersall's on the previous Monday, and up to the time of starting.

4 to 1 agst. Vanguard.	7 to 1 agst. The Page.
5 " 1 " Tom Tug.	9 " 1 " Peter Simple.
6 " 1 " Brenda.	10 " 1 " Brilliant.

The winner being no more thought of than if he were still in the fens of Lincolnshire.

THE RACE.

Vanguard went off with the lead. At the second fence, Brenda, on landing, turned short round with a view to bolting, and coming across the line of another horse, was struck by him on the head and knocked down on her side, but immediately jumping up, went off on her own account. This mishap caused The Page to refuse.

On Vanguard's retirement just before reaching the race-course, Exquisite took up the running,

and was followed over the water by Nimrod, Boxkeeper, Peter Simple, Cure-All, and Vanguard, in the order named, whilst Clansman fell, with fatal results.

After passing Becher's Brook the second time, Exquisite was just fifty yards ahead, but rapidly compounding when reaching the race-course, gave way to Peter Simple and Cure-All, between whom a good race home ensued, the latter winning cleverly at last by two lengths. Exquisite was third, about the same distance off, and Tom Tug, close up, fourth.

Time: 10 minutes 47 seconds.

Owing to the sharp frost which had prevailed overnight, it was considered extremely doubtful if the race would take place that day—indeed, the respective owners of Cure-All and Crocus made a formal protest at the last moment against it being run, whereupon the Stewards present (the Earl of Sefton and Mr. George Payne) assembled the different owners in the weighing room, and the question “To run or not to run,” being answered in the affirmative, it was decided to make a start, it being nearly five o'clock when the horses assembled at the post.

Since the preceding year, sundry alterations had been made. There was then one field of turf on leaving the course, and one previous to entering it. In the first of these the turf had been pared off by the plough, in the second by the spade, and the square lumps of turf and soil being loosely scattered about, made it as uneven and distressing a piece of ground for horses to gallop over as is possible to conceive.

Every other field in the line was fallow, with the exception of the two previous to reaching Becher's Brook, which were of wheat. Several of the rails on the banks were removed, and the line was on the whole a decidedly easy one.

Until his performance on the present occasion the winner was a horse quite unknown to fame, his owner and rider, Mr. Loft, a well-known Lincolnshire sportsman, having, as a matter of fact, bought him out of Northamptonshire for fifty sovereigns only twelve months previously. A strong, short-legged, compact, rather coarse-looking animal, his general rotundity gave him the appearance of being fat and out of condition. That such was not the case, however, was amply proved by his performance in the race.

On the whole, he was probably a lucky horse to

win, it being a pretty general opinion amongst sound judges that had not Exquisite been made so much use of before entering the course the second round, he would have been first instead of third.

PIONEER.

1846.

Mr. Adams' *Pioneer*, b. g. by Advance, 6 yrs.,
11 st. 12 lb. Taylor.

Mr. Payne's ns. *Culverthorpe* (h.b.), a., 11 st. 4 lb.
Rackley.

Lord Howth's *Switcher*, 5 yrs., 12 st. 4 lb. Wynne.

Lord Waterford's *Fire-fly*, a., 12 st. 4 lb. L. Byrne.

Mr. W. J. Loft's *Cure-All*, a., 12 st. 4 lb. Owner.

Lord Waterford's *Regalia*, a., 11 st. 12 lb. Doolan.

Mr. Atkinson's *Golden Pippin*, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
Nainby.

Mr. C. E. Brooke's *Eagle*, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
Captain W. Peel.

Mr. Windham's *Major A.*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 6 lb. Blake.

Mr. Austin's *Troubadour* (h.b.), a., 11 st. 6 lb.
G. B. Rammell.

Mr. G. Lambden's *Carlow*, 11 st. 4 lb. ... Oliver.

Mr. Hammond's ns. *Brenda* (h.b.), a., 11 st. 4 lb.
Powell.

Mr. Robertson's *Tinderbox*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.
P. Daley.

Mr. Ekin's *Peter Simple*, a., 11 st. 2 lb.... Frisby.

Mr. H. L. Carter's <i>Hornihiharriho</i> (h.b.), a., 11 st.	Parker.
Mr. Hey's <i>Lancet</i> (h.b.), a., 11 st.	W. McDonough.
Captain Barnett's <i>Mameluke</i> , 10 st.	12 lb.
	A. McDonough.
Mr. G. Lambden's <i>Pickwick</i> , 10 st.	10 lb.
Dally.	
Hon. F. Craven's ns. <i>Perambulator</i> (h.b.), 6 yrs.,	
10 st.	8 lb.
...	N. Stagg.
Mr. W. S. Crawford's <i>Veluti</i> (h.b.), 6 yrs.,	10 st.
8 lb.	Mason.
Mr. Pearce's <i>The Scavenger</i> , 6 yrs.,	10 st.
2 lb.	Bradley.
Sir R. Brownrigg's ns. <i>Lady Gray</i> , 10 st.	Thomas.

BETTING AT THE START.

11 to 2 agst. Veluti.	12 to 1 agst. Golden Pippin.
6 „ 1 „ Eagle.	16 „ 1 „ Perambulator.
7 „ 1 „ Fire-fly.	16 „ 1 „ Cure-All.
10 „ 1 „ Lancet.	100 „ 6 „ Brenda.
10 „ 1 „ Mameluke.	100 „ 6 „ Peter Simple.
12 „ 1 „ Culverthorpe.	25 „ 1 „ Major A.

They were off at 3.45, Mameluke, Cure-All and Peter Simple showing the way. At the first fence Lady Gray fell and Scavenger refused, but was got over. At No. 2 he was about to repeat the performance when another horse knocked him bodily over. He was determined not to be done,

however, for he declined No. 3 so persistently that his jockey had no alternative but to retire from the scene of action.

At the fence before Becher's Brook Mameluke and Hornihiharriho swerved and fell over, the jockey of the latter being knocked over and considerably hurt as he endeavoured to re-mount. After clearing Becher's Brook Cure-All fell back and Peter Simple went on with the lead to the race-course, when Perambulator, who had over-powered his jockey, passed him like a shot out of a gun, jumping the water in front of the stand several lengths ahead of the others.

Just previous to this, Lancet, colliding with a mounted sportsman, was knocked over, and getting away from his jockey, jumped the water with the others, accompanying whom was the riderless Lady Gray.

Golden Pippin bolted down a lane and fell into a ditch, Veluti being with difficulty prevented from following his example.

At Becher's Brook Culverthorpe assumed the lead, which he held to the race-course. In the meanwhile, Pioneer, who had hitherto been content with a modest position in the rear of the leading division, began to work his way to the front, and

Veluti breaking down at the first hurdle, after landing on the race-course, went on in pursuit of Culverthorpe, whom he caught up at the last hurdle, and leaving him as if he were standing still, won with the greatest possible ease by three lengths. Three lengths away Switcher was third, Firefly fourth, and Eagle fifth.

Time : 10 minutes 47 seconds.

The field on the whole were by no means a showy-looking lot, Lancet the favourite, Veluti and Firefly, the latter a fine up-standing animal, and trained to perfection, standing out by themselves in point of appearance. Some of them indeed seemed not worth the stakes that were paid for them, the worst of all being the animal with the outrageous name of Hornihiharriho.

Rough in his coat, apparently out of condition, and ridden by an utterly unknown jockey, no one gave a thought to Pioneer, whose runaway victory astonished no one more than his owner, who, according to all accounts, did not invest a shilling on the half brother to Vanguard.

What made the victory more remarkable, was that the distance the horse had to travel this year was said to have been nearly five miles.



From a picture in the possession of Messrs. Forrester, Piccadilly.

MATTHEW.

1847.

Mr. Courtenay's *Matthew*, by *Vestriss*, aged,
10 st. 6 lb. D. Wynne.

Mr. Watt's ns. *St. Leger*, a., 12 st. 3 lb.... Oliver.

Mr. Moseley's *Jerry*, 11 st. 6 lb. ... Bradley.

Mr. Preston's *Brunette*, 12 st. 6 lb. A. McDonough.

Mr. Power's *Saucepan*, 12 st. 6 lb. W. McDonough.

Mr. O'Higgins' *Pioneer*, a., 11 st. 12 lb. Capt. Peel.

Mr. Robertson's <i>Ballybar</i> , a., 11 st. 12 lb.	Turner.
Mr. D'Arcey's <i>Culverthorpe</i> , a., 11 st. 6 lb.	H. N. Powell.
Mr. Hall's <i>The False Heir</i> , a., 11 st. 4 lb.	Wilson.
Mr. Hall's br. g. <i>The Pluralist</i> , a., 11 st. 4 lb. (2 lb. over) Denby.	
Mr. Preston's <i>Frederick</i> , by Turcoman, 11 st. 2 lb.	Abbott.
Mr. Bevill's <i>Lattitat</i> , a., 11 st.	Owner.
Captain Barnett's <i>Marengo</i> , a., 11 st. ...	Barker.
Mr. Walter's b. g. <i>Cavendish</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Scott.
Captain Gambier's <i>Avoca</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Captain Broadley.
Mr. R. J. Moore's b. g. <i>St. Ruth</i> , a., 11 st. 1 lb. (including 5 lb. extra)	Canavan.
Lord Strathmore's <i>Red Lancer</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Owner.
Mr. Lockwood's b. m. <i>Barmaid</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Lockwood.
Mr. Anderson's ch. g. <i>Grenade</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Rackley.
Mr. Kirkpatrick's ch. g. <i>Clinker</i> , a., 10 st. 7 lb.	Mason.
Mr. Wesley's <i>Gayhurst</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. ...	Owner.
Mr. W. Hall's <i>Tramp</i> , 10 st. 6 lb. ...	Archer.
Colonel Taylor's ns. <i>Quicksilver</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.	Rawson.

Mr. Smith's ns. b. m.	<i>Cumberland Lassie</i> ,	10 st.	
4 lb....	...	...	Meddock.
Mr. Oakey's b. m.	<i>Valeria</i> ,	5 yrs., 10 st.	3 lb.
			Dally.
Mr. H. B. Browne's br. m.	<i>Midnight</i> ,	5 yrs., 10 st.	
10 lb.	...	...	Gardner.

BETTING AT THE START.

10 to 1 agst. Matthew,	15 to 1 agst. St. Leger.
(at first 4 to 1).	15 „ 1 „ Pioneer.
10 to 1 agst. Culverthorpe.	15 „ 1 „ Avoca.
100 „ 8 „ Jerry.	20 „ 1 „ Red Lancer.

THE RACE.

Cumberland Lassie went off with a strong lead, with Jerry and Frederick ahead of the others. At the third fence, Marengo, hitting the rail hard, fell over into the next field, his jockey lying on the ground insensible for some time, whilst at the next obstacle Red Lancer was knocked down and shortly afterwards pulled up.

First over Becher's Brook Cumberland Lassie went on with the running until she came to the fence leading on to the course by the canal bridge, when, swerving away from the hedge, she ran against a rail placed across an open gateway, and fell over it into the lane beyond.

Jerry now went on with the lead, preceded by the riderless Marengo, but was caught at the water in front of the stand by The Tramp, the pair clearing it side by side. Then came the rest in a body, Brunette and Matthew being amongst the last.

At this point, much to the relief of the jockeys, the riderless Marengo turned off to the right, and was seen no more.

Jerry now went on with the lead, which he held all the way to the last hurdle, which he cleared slightly in advance of St. Leger, who flew over it in a style highly suggestive of victory. At this very moment David Wynne, who had ridden a waiting race throughout, brought up Matthew ; a stentorian shout from the stands as he was seen to gradually overhaul the leaders, increasing in volume as he galloped past the post a length in front of St. Leger. The same distance away Jerry was third, Pioneer fourth, Culverthorpe fifth, and Brunette sixth.

Time : 10 minutes 39 seconds.

Matthew, who was bred in 1838 by Mr. John Westropp, of Coolreagh, was the first Irish bred horse, so far, to win the Grand National, and was thus described by a writer in *Bell's Life* :—

"We thought him rather stilty on his hind legs, and the said legs very straight, while his colour, a rather mealy-brown, gave him a somewhat mean look. But he carried his head proudly, and had a bold confident look of the eye, which is one of the best signs of fitness and condition."

A feature of the race was the appearance of the famous Irish mare, Brunette, now thirteen years old, who had crossed the Irish Channel for the first time, and after running at Worcester and Hereford, came on to run here. She reached Liverpool on the Saturday before the race apparently quite herself, but the next morning was far from well, and so much worse was she on the Grand National day, that she never would have been sent to the post but for the fact that one of her compatriots had betted a very large sum of money on her starting. As it was, she appeared to be completely tailed off at one time; her managing to get so near the winner as she did, therefore, was remarkable under the circumstances.

At Leamington, whither she went after the Liverpool, Brunette broke down, after which she returned to Ireland. Her going amiss at the last moment was a great disappointment to the Irish division, who had supported her previously in no half-hearted fashion, Alan McDonough alone, so it was stated,

having backed her to win him £10,000. As it was, Matthew, reported to have won a great trial at the Curragh the week before, started favourite, an additional inducement to back him being a report going about that a lady in a mesmeric state had foreseen his victory.

CHANDLER.

1848.

Captain Little's br. g. <i>Chandler</i> , by Dr. Faustus,					
11 st. 12 lb.	Captain Little.				
Mr. Brettle's ch. g. <i>The Curate</i> , 11 st. 12 lb.		T. Oliver.			
Mr. Elmore's <i>British Yeoman</i> , 11 st. 4 lb. (10 lb. extra)	Mr. Bevill.				
Mr. Storey's <i>Standard Guard</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.		Taylor.			
Mr. R. H. Jones's <i>Wolverhampton</i> , a., 11 st. 12 lb.	Bretherton.				
Mr. Walter Strickland's ns. b. g. <i>Saucepan</i> , a., 11 st. 11 lb.	Abbott.				
Mr. Courtenay's br. g. <i>Matthew</i> (h.b.), 11 st. 6 lb.		Wynn.			
Mr. Moseley's br. g. <i>Jerry</i> , a., 11 st. 7 lb. Sanders.					
Mr. W. S. S. Crawford's <i>Father Matthew</i> (h.b.), 11 st. 6 lb. Lamplugh.					
Mr. Ouseley Higgin's b. g. <i>Pioneer</i> , a., 11 st. 6 lb.	Captain Peel.				
Lord Strathmore's ch. h. <i>The Switcher</i> , a., 11 st. 5 lb.	Owner.				

Mr. J. W. Haworth's ch. m.	<i>Ashberry Lass</i> , 6 yrs.,						
11 st. 3 lb.	... ... ...	Collis.					
Mr. Davies' ns. ch. g.	<i>Cheroot</i> , a., 11 st. 2 lb.						
		M'Gee.					
Mr. G. Brettle's b. g.	<i>Aristides</i> , 11 st. 1 lb.						
		Rowlands.					
Mr. Barry's br. h.	<i>Sir Arthur</i> , 6 yrs., 11 st. 1 lb.						
		Murphy.					
Mr. J. Wilson's h.	<i>Khondooz</i> , 11 st. ...	Rackley.					
Sir R. de Burgh's b. m.	<i>Sophia</i> , a., 11 st.	Ford.					
Mr. Arthur's ns. b. h.	<i>The Irish Bard</i> , a., 11 st.						
		Freeze.					
Mr. C. C. Brooke's ch. g.	<i>Eagle</i> , a., 11 st. 4 lb. (5 lb. extra)	Johnny Broome.					
Mr. T. Harrison's ns.	<i>Pioneer</i> , by Pioneer (h.b.), a., 10 st. 13 lb.	Neale.					
Mr. J. N. Burke's b. g.	<i>Picton</i> (h.b.), a., 10 st. 13 lb.	Burke.					
Mr. W. Coutts' ch. h.	<i>Counsellor</i> , a., 10 st. 12 lb.						
		Frisby.					
Mr. Kennedy's ch. g.	<i>Fortune-Teller</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.						
		Stagg.					
Mr. Mason's ch. g.	<i>The Sailor</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb.						
		Holman.					
Lord Anson's ns. ro. m.	<i>The Gipsy Queen</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	Whitfield.					

Mr. C. Towneley's ns. b. m. *Variety*, a., 10 st. 8 lb.
(4 lb. over) Powell.

Mr. E. Cary's br. h. *Blue Pill*, by Physician, a.,
10 st. 3 lb. Allensby.

Mr. R. Brooke's ns. b. m. *Sparta*, a., 10 st.
Turner.

Lord Strathmore's b. g. *Naworth*, a., 9 st. 8 lb.
Archer.

BETTING AT THE START.

6 to 1 agst. The Curate.	25 to 1 agst. Pioneer.
8 „ 1 „ Matthew.	25 „ 1 „ Counsellor.
12 „ 1 „ Chandler.	25 „ 1 „ Khondooz.
15 „ 1 „ Sir Arthur.	30 „ 1 „ Fortune-Teller.
100 „ 6 „ Standard Guard.	

THE RACE.

At 4.15 the flag fell to a wretched start, at least a hundred yards separating the first lot from the last. As soon as they had settled down, Ashberry Lass went to the front, followed by Standard Guard and Father Matthew. At the third fence Standard Guard struck the bank and came down on his head in the next field, but thanks to his jockey adopting the old angling maxim, "Pull up sharp when you get a bite," the pair were off and away again before you could say "knife."

Ashberry Lass now led to the brook at the canal and up to the strong post and rails beyond, where she gave way to Standard Guard, Switcher at the same time, was struck into by Sparta, and nearly knocked down, his rider, Lord Strathmore, having a large piece torn from his boot; whilst the *contretemps* so upset his horse, that from that moment he seemed to lose all his spirit.

At the fence before reaching the course, Pioneer broke down, and Saucepan, who was now leading, showed the way over the artificial water, in front of British Yeoman and Standard Guard, the last of all being The Switcher, who, approaching it very slowly, dropped his hind legs into the water, narrowly escaping a fall.

At the bank and hedge leading from the course into the country, a refusal on the part of Saucepan caused general confusion amongst his immediate followers, Khondooz, who took no further part in the race, being the principal sufferer.

A little further on British Yeoman took a decided lead, being quite twelve lengths' ahead of the others as they neared Becher's Brook, Gipsy Queen and Standard Guard next, and Eagle, ridden by Johnny Broome, the pugilist, who, bucking over the fence in question in a half-hearted manner, sent the

unfortunate Pug to grass with such force that he had to be carried to a neighbouring cottage. Nor was this the final disaster, as at the third fence from the road, a bank and deep ditch, The Sailor fell, and breaking his back, had to be destroyed, a similar course being necessary with Blue Bell and Counsellor, both of whom broke their legs.

Meanwhile British Yeoman still held the lead, and at the first hurdle after landing on the race-course, was quite a length in advance. Here Jerry stopped, dead beat, and a good race home between Chandler and The Curate ended in favour of the former by half a length.

A length and a-half away British Yeoman was third and Standard Guard, close up, fourth.

Time : 11 minutes 21 seconds.

Owing to the torrents of rain which had fallen, the going was exceptionally bad.

On the previous night Matthew was all the rage, being backed down to 8 to 1, to win a large sum, and at this price he started, many being of opinion that he was the unlucky horse of the race, so well was he going when knocked over; whilst Sir Arthur's chance was not improved by his fall into the Mersey when being landed from the

steamer, it taking upwards of twenty minutes before he could be hauled to *terra firma*.

Chandler, though easy in the market at 12 to 1 at the finish, was well backed by the stable, his joint owners, Captain Little and Mr. Peel, throwing in, so it was said, for £7,000.

A feature of the race was the first appearance in the saddle of Johnny Broome, the prizefighter, the story going that he had made a bet of a "monkey" with Capt. Alleyne that he would be in the fourth field from home when the winner passed the post.

Johnny, riding with plenty of pluck, if not with the best of judgment, managed to keep with his horses during the first round, soon after which, Eagle, the horse he bestrode, being palpably out of condition, began to tire visibly, the result being that when Becher's Brook was arrived at the second time, the horse, now thoroughly blown, and more than half inclined to stop altogether, gave a buck into the air, sending his rider with such a "bang" to the ground that he had to be carried to his "corner" (which in this instance meant a cottage hard by) and attended to, by which it will be seen that poor Johnny didn't win his bet.

PETER SIMPLE.

1849.

1. Mr. Mason, jun.'s ns. b. g. *Peter Simple* (h.b.),
by Patron, aged, 11 st. (including 6 lb. extra)
Cunningham.
2. Captain D'Arcy's ch. g. *The Knight of Gwynne*,
a., 10 st. 7 lb. Owner.
3. Mr. T. Mason's b. g. *Prince George*, a.,
10 st. 10 lb.... Oliver.
Mr. Terry's *Tipperary Boy*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb.
Barley.
- Captain Little's *Chandler*, a., 12 st. 2 lb. Owner.
- Mr. Elmore's ns. *British Yeoman*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.
Bevill.
- Mr. Westrop's *Mulligan*, 5 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb.
Ford.
- Mr. J. H. Holmes' *Kilfane*, a., 11 st. ... Neale.
- Mr. E. W. R. Rudyard's *Coriander*, a., 10 st. 6 lb.
Bally.
- Mr. Wesley's *Ballybar*, a., 9 st. 12 lb.
H. Bradley.
- Mr. Tilbury's *Khondooz*, a., 9 st. 10 lb. Rackley.

Mr. Brettle's <i>The Curate</i> , a., 11 st. 11 lb.	Powell.
Captain Peel's <i>Proceed</i> , a., 11 st. 11 lb.	Owner.
Mr. B. Bretherton's <i>Wolverhampton</i> , a., 11 st. 5 lb.	... ... ... Owner.
Mr. Russell's <i>Arab Robber</i> , 6 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb.	Phillips.
Mr. C. Price's <i>The Iron Duke</i> , 5 yrs., 11 st.	Abbott.
Lord Chesterfield's <i>The Victim</i> , a., 10 st. 11 lb.	Taylor.
Mr. Sharkie's ns. <i>Sir John</i> (h.b.), 10 st. 10 lb.	Sharkie.
Mr. J. Bateman's <i>Napoleon</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb.	Archer.
Lord Strathmore's <i>Chatham</i> , a., 10 st. 6 lb.	Frisby.
Mr. Buchanan's <i>Alfred</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb.	Wynne.
Captain Peyton's ns. <i>Equinox</i> , a., 9 st. 12 lb.	Moloney.
Mr. J. S. Moseley's <i>Jerry</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb.	J. S. Walker.
Mr. Bathurst's ns. <i>Sparta</i> , a., 8 st. 12 lb.	Wakefield.

BETTING AT START.

5 to 1 agst.	Prince George.	from 12-15 to 1 agst.	British Yeoman.
6 „ 1 „	The Curate.	12 „ 1 „	Alfred.
8 „ 1 „	The Knight of Gwynne.	20 „ 1 „	Chatham.
9 „ 1 „	Proceed.	20 „ 1 „	Peter Simple.
12 „ 1 „	Wolverhampton.	50 „ 1 „	Napoleon.

THE RACE.

A singular occurrence took place when, shortly after four o'clock, the horses assembled at the starting-post. Lord Sefton called some of the jockeys back to him to say something; and at that very moment the signal was given to start. Thus, the inattentive jockeys, who did not hear Lord Sefton, had an immense advantage over the others, as was quickly demonstrated by the spread-eagled appearance of the field over the first field or two.

At the fourth fence, the impetuous Kilfane, following close behind Peter Simple, who was leading, throwing up his head as he rushed at the obstacle, fell heavily into the next field, Sparta, who was just behind, landing with such force on the top of him that the poor brute's thigh was broken by the concussion. The Vicar of Wakefield was done with at the same time. Peter Simple still went on with the lead, which he increased after landing on the race-course, Napoleon being second until Becher's Brook

was reached again, when Equinox passed him. At the fence out of the lane Proceed refused, just as she did the previous year, and whip and spur failing to get her over, Captain Peel reluctantly turned back. At the next fence, a short bank of earth 18 inches high, Equinox fell and broke his back, Ballybar and Jerry tumbling over him, and as Chatham, Coriander, and Wolverhampton all came down at the same time, there was a nice scene of confusion. At the next fence The Curate fell and broke his back, his jockey narrowly escaping serious injury.

By this time both Napoleon and Khondooz had been pulled up, and Peter Simple, going on at his ease, won in a common canter by three lengths, Knight of Gwynne being second, and Prince George an indifferent third, Alfred, The Chandler, and The British Yeoman walking in with the crowd.

Time : 10 minutes 56 seconds.

Notwithstanding that the weather was very threatening and bitterly cold, there was a very large attendance. The race itself was a chapter of accidents, no less than three horses, viz., The Curate, Equinox, and Kilfane, the latter, a fine, showy-looking horse, being killed. Curiously enough, the obstacles where the fatalities occurred were merely two banks of earth,

scarcely 18 inches high, that anyone could easily have stepped over, and being formed of the same dark peaty soil as the rest of the field, it was thought that the horses were unable to see them in time. An ugly story was current after the race that Captain D'Arcy, owner and rider of Knight of Gwynne, who had backed his horse for a large amount, seeing on coming into the straight that he had no possible chance of winning, offered Cunningham, so the latter declared, first, £1,000, then £4,000, to pull Peter Simple—an offer which met with prompt refusal.

There was some heavy wagering on the result, Davis, the Leviathan, amongst other large bets, laying Cunningham 3,000 to 30, that he didn't ride or win on Peter Simple, and Captain D'Arcy, 5,000 to 100 that he didn't ride or win on The Knight of Gwynne, and it is stated that the former bet was settled within ten minutes after the race.

ABD · EL · KADER.

1850.

1. Mr. Osborne's b. g. *Abd el Kader* (h.b.), by Ishmael—English Lass, aged, 9 st. 12 lb.
Green.
2. Mr. J. Fort's ch. g. *The Knight of Gwynne*, a., 11 st. 8 lb. Wynne.
3. Lord Waterford's b. g. *Sir John*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.
J. Ryan.
- Mr. Cunningham's *Peter Simple* (h.b.) a., 12 st. 2 lb. Cunningham.
- Mr. J. Elmore's *The British Yeoman*, a., 11 st. 10 lb. Philpot.
- Lord Strathmore's *Rat-trap*, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
Frisby.
- Captain Little's *The Chandler*, a., 11 st. 3 lb.
Captain Little.
- Mr. Maugan's *Farnham*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb.
Abbott.
- Mr. Hassall's *The Victim*, a., 11 st. 2 lb. Taylor.
- Lord G. Kennedy's *Spring Buck*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
Smith.

Mr. J. Bell's <i>The Iron Duke</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. 12 lb.	Hanlon.
Mr. Harrison's <i>Meath</i> , a., 10 st. 10 lb....	Neale.
Mr. Westropp's <i>Mulligan</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.	Owner.
Lord Lurgan's <i>Roy-de-Aisey</i> (h.b.), 5 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb. Magee.	
Mr. Cunningham's <i>Quadruped</i> , a., 10 st. 8 lb.	G. Arran.
Mr. Butler's b. g. by <i>Laurel</i> (h.b.), a., 10 st. 8 lb.	Owner.
Mr. J. C. Ranton's <i>Rainbow</i> (h.b.), a., 10 st. 8 lb.	Dalby.
Mr. D. Lewis' ns. <i>Everton</i> , a., 10 st. 8 lb.	A. Salt.
Mr. Treadgold's <i>Maria Day</i> , a., 10 st. 5 lb.	Rackley.
Mr. Williamson's <i>Shinsore</i> (h.b.), 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb. Bradley.	
Mr. J. G. Murphy's <i>The Oaks</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.	Canavan.
Mr. Pocket's <i>Columbine</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb. T. Oliver.	
Mr. Sandford's <i>Sobriety</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb.	J. Thompson.
Mr. J. Nicoll's <i>Fisticuff</i> , a., 10 st. ...	Parr.
Mr. Hughes' <i>Tipperary Boy</i> , a., 10 st.	S. Darling.

Mr. Hunter's <i>Hope</i> , a., 9 st. 12 lb. (carried 10 st. 1 lb.)	... ... ... ...	Owner.
Mr. Vevers' <i>Vengeance</i> , a., 9 st. 10 lb.	Archer.	
Captain Fraser's <i>Kilkenny</i> , a., 9 st. 10 lb.	Holman.	
Lord Sefton's ns. <i>Little Fanny</i> , a., 9 st.	Fowler.	
Mr. Laing's <i>Johnnie Barrie</i> , a., 9 st. (carried 9 st. 11 lb.)	... ... ...	Maitland.
Lord Seaham's ns. <i>Pegasus</i> , a., 8 st. 10 lb.	Tasker.	
Mr. R. Brooke's ns. <i>The Pony</i> , a., 8 st. 7 lb.	Maney.	

BETTING AT THE START.

5 to 1 agst. Peter Simple.	15 to 1 agst. Vengeance.
7 " 1 " Sir John.	16 " 1 " Chandler.
9 " 1 " Rat-trap.	20 " 1 " Columbine.
12 " 1 " Knight of Gwynne.	25 " 1 " Maria Day.
12 " 1 " Victim.	25 " 1 " Little Fanny.
15 " 1 " Farnham.	30 " 1 " The Oaks.

Abd el Kader was not backed in the ring before the start, but on entering the course the second time two or three parties mistaking him for Little Fanny laid 100's to 3, 4 and 5 against him. In London on the day of the race, good money was laid on Victim at 6 and 7 to 1, on Peter Simple and Sir John at 7 to 1 each, and on Vengeance at 10 to 1.

THE RACE.

The thirty-two competitors were sent off to an excellent start, though it was marred by an unfor-

tunate accident; Daley, on Spring Buck, in the general rush being driven into the post and his leg fractured. At the first fence Peter Simple knocked The Oaks bodily into the ditch, whilst at the fence beyond the canal brook, Rainbow fell heavily, his jockey breaking his thigh, Hope following suit at the next obstacle, and galloping riderless away.

On entering the course for the second time, Abd el Kader rushed to the front at a tremendous pace, hotly pursued by The Knight of Gwynne, Sir John, and Peter Simple, but in spite of their efforts, "Little Ab," as he was called, held his own to the end, eventually winning a good race by a length from The Knight of Gwynne, who came with a rare rattle opposite the stand. Tipperary Boy cantered in fourth, Farnham fifth, Maria Day sixth, and Vengeance, seventh.

Time: the first round to water jump was run in 4 minutes 28 seconds, and the whole distance in 9 minutes $57\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, the quickest time on record.

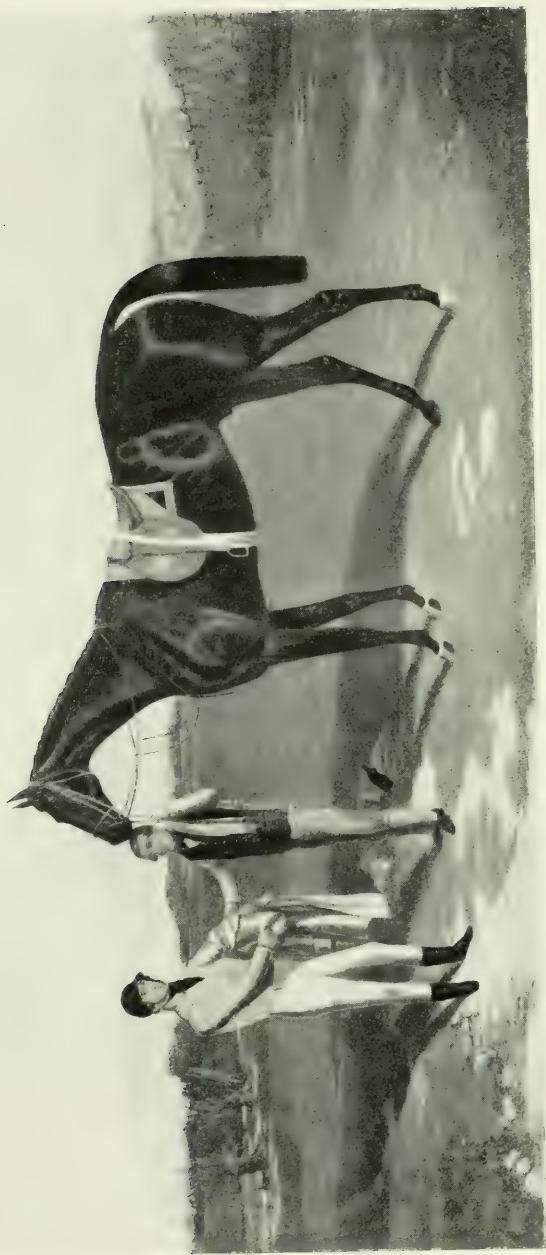
No fewer than thirty-two started, the general opinion being that a better-looking lot of horses were never seen together in one race. It was a smart performance on the part of little Abd el Kader, who, taking the lead after landing over Becher's Brook

the second time, was never afterwards headed, whilst needless to say, it was a great turn up for the ring, the winner not being mentioned in the quotations, and Messrs. Davis and Symonds were said to have netted over £7,000 each by the result.

Abd el Kader, who stood under 15 hands 2 inches, was bred in 1842 by Henry Osborne, Esq., Dardis-town Castle, county Meath, his grandsire being Hit-or-Miss.

The story goes that Mr. Osborne, journeying from London to Holyhead on his way back to Ireland, finding himself on the Shrewsbury coach, was so taken with the near leader, a good-looking brown mare, that he not only bought her there and then for 50 guineas, but went out of his way to discover her breeder. He hunted her in Ireland, and won some steeplechases with her as well. Eventually she was put to the stud, and being mated with Ishmael, Abd el Kader was the result.

T. ABBOTT. ABD EL KADER.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1850 AND 1851.



ABD EL KADER.

1851.

1. Mr. Joseph Osborne's b. g. *Abd el Kader*, by
Ishmael—English Lass, aged, 10 st. 4 lb.

T. Abbott.

2. Mr. C. Higgins' br. m. *Maria Day*, by Mundig,
a., 10 st. 5 lb. J. Frisby.

3. Lord Waterford's b. g. *Sir John*, by Windfall,
dam by Middlethorpe, a., 11 st. 12 lb.

J. Ryan.

Mr. Vevers' *Vain Hope*, 11 st. 8 lb.

S. Darling, jun.

Mr. W. Barnett's *Sir Peter Laurie*, 11 st. 7 lb.
W. Scott.

Mr. Cunningham's *Peter Simple*, 11 st. 7 lb.
D. Tubb.

Mr. Palmer's *The Victim*, 10 st. 13 lb.

W. Taylor.

Lord Lurgan's *Fugitive*, 10 st. 12 lb.
H. Bradley.

Mr. T. F. Mason's *Rat Trap*, 10 st. 10 lb.
J. Mason.

Mr. Oakes' <i>Half-and-Half</i> (late Small-Beer), 10 st. 8 lb.	... ... ...	R. Sly, jun.
Mr. King's <i>Shinsore</i> , 10 st. 7 lb.	...	Mr. Gaman.
Mr. Tollitt's <i>Tipperary Boy</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	...	T. Oliver.
Mr. J. Elmore's <i>Mulligan</i> , 10 st. 2 lb.	...	W. Draper.
Mr. Barry's <i>Currig</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	...	J. Debean.
Col. Shirley's <i>Fugleman</i> , 10 st.	...	D. Wynne.
Mr. S. H. Kemp's <i>Hope</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	...	Mr. Green.
Mr. W. Vevers' <i>Volatile</i> , 9 st. 10 lb.	...	W. Fowler.
Mr. Onslow's m. by Greysteel, 9 st. 10 lb.	...	Thrift.
Mr. May's <i>Reindeer</i> (late Frank), 9 st. 8 lb.	...	C. Planner.
Mr. Cartwright's <i>Maurice Daley</i> (late Flycatcher), 9 st. 6 lb.	... ... ...	C. Boyce.
Mr. Johnstone's <i>Penrith</i> (late Charles XII.), 9 st. 4 lb.	... ... ...	M'Clory.

BETTING AT START.

6 to 1 agst. Rat Trap.	10 to 1 agst. Tipperary Boy.
7 „ 1 „ Sir John.	15 „ 1 „ Fugitive.
7 „ 1 „ Abd el Kader.	100 „ 6 „ Maria Day.
8 „ 1 „ Vain Hope.	20 „ 1 „ Half-and-Half.
25 to 1 each agst. Sir Peter Laurie, Mulligan and Currig.	

THE RACE.

A few minutes after four, Lord Sefton started the horses, and Sir John, Hope, Half-and-Half, The Greysteel mare, Peter Simple, Tipperary Boy, Maurice Daley, Maria Day and Reindeer were the first to get off, running in a cluster over the first two fences into the plough, where Sir John took up his position in front at a strong pace, followed by Hope and Peter.

The post and rails inclining the wrong way at the end of the ploughed piece was refused by Rat Trap.

In the straight before the fences preceding Becher's Brook, Sir John was still leading, followed by Peter, Tipperary Boy, and Maria Day.

Nearing the Brook, Hope joined issue with Sir John, the two jumping together. Hope, however, led over the bank fences beyond, where he broke his stirrup leather and retreated. Round the extreme turn Sir John led some two or three lengths, but was passed at Valentine's by Peter Simple, the next being Half-and-Half, Tipperary Boy, Mulligan, The Victim, Sir Peter Laurie, The Fugitive and Abd el Kader in the order named.

To win a bet that he would be first over, Peter Simple was raced at the water for all he was worth,

but he couldn't quite reach Tipperary Boy, who jumped it just in advance, closely followed by Sir John, Mulligan and Volatile, the latter falling heavily on landing and taking no further part in the race.

Across Proceeds Lane, Vain Hope led by one and a-half lengths, Peter Simple second, Sir John third and Abd el Kader fifth.

Mulligan fell at one of the nasty bank fences at the nethermost turn, ditto Fugitive, leaving young Bradley in the ditch beyond.

Maurice Daley, who had been going well, was beaten at the canal fields, also Currig, Sir Peter Laurie and Hope.

Immediately after Mulligan's fall, Sir John went into second place, but was soon supplanted by Half-and-Half, who beat Tipperary Boy for the lead at the Canal Bridge. Sir John passed Tipperary Boy almost at the same time, and these two were joined by Abd el Kader and Maria Day, both of whom had been gradually drawing up for the last three-quarters of a mile.

On jumping on to the race-course, it was plain that only four horses were left in the race, viz., Maria Day, Abd el Kader, Sir John and Tipperary Boy, and with the two latter rapidly compounding, a

tremendous set to ensued for the rest of the journey between Mr. Osborne's horse and Maria Day, the judge's verdict being in favour of Little Ab by half a neck. Two lengths away Sir John was third, Half-and-Half fourth, Vain Hope fifth, Rat Trap sixth, Mulligan seventh, Shinsore eighth, Reindeer ninth, Tipperary Boy tenth.

Time : 9 minutes 59 seconds.

Mr. Joseph Osborne, who owned Abd el Kader, was the compiler of that well-known work of reference, *The Horse Breeder's Handbook and The Steeplechase Calendar*, which preceded the official publication, and was, in addition, a regular contributor to *Bell's Life in London*.

MISS MOWBRAY.

1852.

1. Mr. T. F. Mason's b. m. *Miss Mowbray*, by Lancastrian—Norma, aged, 10 st. 4 lb.
Mr. A. Goodman.
2. Mr. Cartwright's b. g. *Maurice Daley* (late Flycatcher), a., 9 st. 4 lb., carried 9 st. 6 lb.
C. Boyce.
3. Captain Barnett's *Sir Peter Laurie*, a., 11 st. 2 lb.
W. Holman.
- Mr. Atkinson's *Chieftain*, 10 st. 12 lb. Harrison.
- Mr. Osborne's *Abd el Kader*, 11 st. 4 lb.
D. Wynne.
- Lord Waterford's *Warner*, 10 st. 8 lb.
W. Archer.
- Mr. Chance's *Bedford*, 9 st. 12 lb.... A. Taylor.
- Mr. R. Jones' *McIan*, 9 st. 10 lb. ... J. Sadler.
- Lord Waterford's *Sir John*, 11 st. 10 lb. J. Ryan.
- Mr. Davenport's ns. *Peter Simple*, 11 st. 2 lb.
Mr. G. S. Davenport.
- Mr. Martin's *Bourton* (late Upton), 10 st. 10 lb.
S. Darling, jun.

Mr. Maugan's *Dolly's Brue*, 10 st. ... McGee.

Mr. Courtenay's *Silent Friend*, 9 st. 12 lb.

Parry.

Mr. J. G. Murphy's *Lamienne*, 9 st. 7 lb.

Meany.

Mr. Gooch's *Victim*, 9 st. 7 lb. ... H. Bradley.

Mr. Harding's *Royal Blue*, 9 st. ... G. Stevens.

Mr. Barling's *Bedford*, 10 st. 10 lb. Ablett.

Captain Little's *Agis*, 10 st. 10 lb. T. Oliver.

Mr. Higgins' *Maria Day*, 10 st. 6 lb. J. Frisby.

Mr. Goodwin's *La Gazza Ladra*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb.
J. Neale.

Mr. J. Bourke's *Carrig*, 10 st. 4 lb. (including
10 lb. extra) Debeau.

Mr. Elmore's *Everton*, 9 st. 6 lb. (carried
9 st. 10 lb.) Hewitt.

Mr. J. Bird's *Cogia*, 9 st. 6 lb. (carried 9 st. 9 lb.)
J. Tasker.

Mr. Henderson's *Maley*, 9 st. 6 lb. ... Connor.

NOTE.—Lord Waterford declared to win with
Warner.

BETTING.

6 to 1 agst. La Gazza Ladra. 12 to 1 agst. Sir John.

9 „ 1 „ Abd el Kader. 30 „ 1 „ Sir Peter Laurie.

10 „ 1 „ Chieftain. 50 „ 1 „ McLan.

12 „ 1 „ Bedford. 100 „ 1 „ Royal Blue.

THE RACE.

Maley was first away, and led by a length and a half down the fallow leading to the wheat, with the five-year old Bedford, La Gazza Ladra, and Abd el Kader in close attendance.

The casualties commenced early, for Maria Day, blundering at the first fence, took no further part in the race, whilst at Becher's Bourton and La Gazza Ladra came into fearful collision with Royal Blue and Victim, Cogia at the same time falling heavily into the brook itself.

Immediately afterwards a "*run on the Bank*" ended, as it generally does, in a "*smash*," the victims in this instance being Maley, Peter Simple and Bedford, whilst Agis, not to be outdone, refused the post and rails, ran down under the hedge, and threw his jockey, who took no further part in the race.

Abd el Kader, jumping magnificently, was now bang in front, but was caught at the canal turn by Chieftain, who rushed by him like an express train, and was soon four or five lengths ahead, a position he held to the water in front of the stand, which he jumped quite six lengths ahead of the rest, whose

numbers had been decreased by disasters to Everton and Bedford respectively.

By this time half the horses in the race had dropped out, the last to succumb to the severity of the pace and his weight combined being gallant little Abd el Kader.

At Becher's Brook Neale sent La Gazza Ladra alongside The Chieftain, but feeling sure he held the latter safe, pulled his mare back again and allowed the others to reassume the lead, a position he held to the race-course, on to which he jumped just five lengths ahead of the mare, who in turn was half a length ahead of Carrig, Miss Mowbray and Maurice Daley, a momentary effort on the part of Sir John to keep pace with them proving ineffectual.

Soon afterwards, La Gazza Ladra and Carrig dropped astern from sheer distress, and Miss Mowbray, splendidly handled by Mr. Alec Goodman, catching The Chieftain at the last hurdle, went on and won cleverly by a length. Maurice Daley was second, a length and a-half ahead of Sir Peter Laurie, and The Chieftain fourth. The whippers-in being La Gazza Ladra, Warner and Sir John

Time: First round 4 minutes 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Total time: 9 minutes 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Nothing could have been better than the “going” this year, and, as a consequence, not only was the pace, to quote a favourite expression of Jim Mason’s, something “alarming,” but the casualties far more numerous than usual. Miss Mowbray, trained to perfection by George Doccheray, and ridden with admirable patience and tact by Mr. Alec Goodman, won at last without an effort, but the consensus of opinion was that had *The Chieftain* been piloted more judiciously he could not possibly have lost. La Gazza Ladra, who started favourite, ran very fast all the way, but tired in the last half mile.

The distressful country may be said to have been well represented in the race, eight out of the twenty-four runners being Irish.

A report that the artificial brook in front of the stand had been widened to the extent of 3 feet by order of Lord Sefton led to the following letter from his lordship to the Editor of *Bell's Life* :—

“SIR,

“In the account of the Liverpool Steeple-chase given in your paper of last Monday, it is stated that the water jump opposite the grand stand had been altered by my instructions, and that it was thus made a large and dangerous leap. This is not at all

correct. In the constant preparation of this artificial fence, the workmen had gradually diminished the depth of the ditch till it had become a mere splash of water, and I desired that it might be restored to its former dimensions and no more. The water is 13 feet 6 inches in breadth, and more than 4 feet deep. The rail is about 3 feet high, strongly made and leaning towards the water. It is a very large but perfectly fair leap, and I do not remember any serious accident befalling a horse except in one instance, when a fine Irish horse broke his back, but this happened in consequence of the frost.

"SEFTON."

It was quite a case of "Handsome is that handsome does" with Miss Mowbray, for it is a fact that for a long while, though a good performer in the hunting-field and on sale for the small sum of 100 guineas, not a soul would have anything to do with the mare for steeplechasing purposes, amongst her detractors being such good judges of a horse as Messrs. Charles Bevill and Goodman, the latter of whom rode her on the occasion we write of.

At last, having carried Mr. J. P. Mason well to the front in a very fast thing with the Oakley, that gentleman bought the mare and forthwith had her

trained for steelpechasing. How Miss Mowbray silenced her critics by winning in turn the Warwickshire Hunt Cup, the Welter Stakes and Open Steeplechase at Leamington, and finally the Grand National, is matter of history.

PETER SIMPLE.

1853.

1. Captain Little's b. g. *Peter Simple*, by Patron,
aged, 10 st. 10 lb. T. Oliver.
2. Mr. Mason's b. m. *Miss Mowbray*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. Gordon.
3. Mr. Mason's b. g. *Oscar*, 10 st. 2 lb.
Mr. A. Goodman.
- Mr. W. Barnett's *Sir Peter Laurie*, 11 st. 8 lb.
W. Holman.
- Mr. Drake's *Knight of Gwynne*, 11 st. 2 lb.
Donaldson.
- Mr. Higginson's *Bourton*, 11 st. 2 lb. S. Darling.
- Mr. S. Lucy's *Tipperary Boy*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Butler.
- Mr. Osborne's *Abd el Kader*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. T. Abbott.
- Lord Waterford's *Duc au Bhurras*, 10 st. 10 lb.
J. Ryan.
- Captain Scott's *Victim*, 10 st. 6 lb. ... Tasker.
- Mr. J. Bourke's *Carrig*, 10 st. 5 lb. D. Wynne.
- Mr. Land's *The General*, 10 st. 4 lb. T. Ablett.

Mr. J. Roberts's <i>Field Marshal</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.	Nelson.
Mr. Cartwright's <i>Maurice Daley</i> , 10 st. 2 lb.	C. Boyce.
Captain D. Lane's <i>Betsy Prig</i> , 10 st. ...	Meany.
Mr. Hudson's <i>Poll</i> , 9 st. 10 lb.	Debean.
Mr. Megson's <i>View Halloo</i> , 9 st. 10 lb.	W. Archer.
Mr. J. R. Henderson's <i>Maley</i> . . .	E. Harrison.
Mr. Bretherton's <i>Chatterbox</i> , 9 st. 8 lb.	Mr. McGaman.
Mr. J. Henderson's <i>Crabbs</i> , 9 st. 2 lb.	W. Fowler.
Mr. Morris's <i>The Dwarf</i> , 9 st. ...	H. Lamplugh.

NOTE.—Mr. Mason declared to win with Oscar.

BETTING.

5 to 1 agst. Miss Mowbray.	12 to 1 agst. Victim.
6 „ 1 „ Oscar.	15 „ 1 „ Carrig.
6 „ 1 „ Duc au Bhurras.	100 „ 6 „ View Halloo.
7 „ 1 „ Bourton.	20 „ 1 „ Abd el Kader.
9 „ 1 „ Peter Simple.	25 „ 1 „ any other.
12 „ 1 „ Sir Peter Laurie.	

THE RACE.

The horses were sent on their journey at 4.25, Maurice Daley showing the way to the second fence,

when he was passed by Bourton, who soon afterwards gave way to Peter Simple, who now took up the running.

At the third fence—a post and rails—Victim refused, and turning round interfered with The General, who lost a good deal of ground in consequence, whilst Betsy Prig, The Dwarf, and Poll all came down.

Nearing Becher's Brook, previous to reaching which Tasker and Victim had been pulled up, something running into Peter Simple caused him to swerve so much to the left, that but for Sir Peter Laurie, who was alongside, giving him a friendly “cannon,” thereby keeping him straight, he must have gone the wrong side of the flag. As it was the two Peters jumped it abreast ahead of the rest.

Peter Simple now resumed the lead, Carrig taking second place, and Abd el Kader third.

No change now occurred until Valentine's was reached when Abd el Kader, rushing past Peter Simple, took the field along at a great pace.

Along the grass headlands, he increased his lead to such an extent that he landed on the race-course a hundred yards ahead of the rest, jumping the water opposite the stand in grand style, Crabbs forty yards behind, heading the others, of whom Knight of

Gwynne and Chatterbox were shortly after pulled up.

At this point the friends of Abd el Kader might well be excused for hoping their horse would win for the third time. They were not best pleased therefore when on re-entering the starting field they saw Peter Simple leave his companions and wrest the lead from him.

No change occurred until the second fence from the lane, when Crabbs retired from sheer distress.

On landing on to the race-course Abd el Kader was beaten, Oscar and Miss Mowbray going on in hot pursuit of Peter Simple, with whom they drew level at the first hurdle, the trio being in the air simultaneously.

Peter Simple, however, soon resumed command again, and going on won by four lengths from Miss Mowbray, who was followed at a like distance by Oscar. Sir Peter Laurie was a bad fourth, Abd el Kader fifth, The General sixth, Carrig walking in seventh.

Time : 10 minutes $37\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Of the two cracks, Oscar and Miss Mowbray, the latter was universally preferred; whilst Peter Simple, who looked fit to run for his life, was pooh-poohed



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as "worn-out," and too "slow" to compete with such smart animals as Bourton, Miss Mowbray, and Victim.

About 2 o'clock a notice was posted up to the effect that Mr. Mason declared to win with Oscar, whereupon as little as 4 to 1 was freely taken about Miss Mowbray, and 9 to 1 taken about Oscar, against whom two objections were lodged just before the race—one from Mr. Barnett, the owner of Sir Peter Laurie, on the ground of wrong description; the other from Mr. Cartwright, the owner of Maurice Daley, as being disqualified from having run at Leamington under a false description; the latter gentleman informing the members of the press that he started his horse solely for the purpose of entering the protest.

That the winner was extremely lucky to get out as he did from the scrimmage at Becher's Brook the first time round, goes without saying; moreover the moderate pace the race was run, owing to the heavy state of the ground, was all in his favour.

BOURTON.

1854.

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1. Mr. Moseley's b. g. *Bourton*, by *Brayton* (h.b.),
aged, 11 st. 12 lb.... Tasker.
2. Mr. Barber's ch. g. *Spring*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 10 lb.
W. Archer.
3. Mr. J. Henderson's br. g. *Crabbs*, a., 9 st. 2 lb.
D. Wynne.
- Mr. Bignell's *Peter Simple*, a., 12 st. C. Boyce.
- Mr. T. Mason's *Oscar*, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
S. Darling.
- Mr. Linnell's *Peter*, a., 10 st. 12 lb. R. Sly, jun.
- Mr. Bignell's *Half-and-Half*, a., 10 st. 8 lb.
Green.
- Mr. Barling's *Bedford* (h.b.), a., 10 st. 4 lb.
Eatwell.
- Mr. J. Williams' *La Gazza Ladra*, a., 10 st.
T. Abbott.
- Mr. Delamarre's *Lady Arthur*, a., 9 st. 10 lb.
T. Donaldson.
- Mr. Cartwright's *Maurice Daley*, a., 9 st. 10 lb.
T. Oliver.

Mr. Henderson's <i>Maley</i> , a., 9 st. 10 lb.	Thrift.
Mr. Blood's <i>Star of England</i> , a., 9 st. 10 lb.	W. White
Mr. Barry's <i>Geraldus</i> , a., 9 st. 8 lb. ...	Debean.
Mr. Olliver's <i>Pride of the North</i> , a., 9 st. 8 lb.	R. James.
Lord Waterford's <i>Cockcrow</i> , 6 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb.	Maher.
Mr. A. Sait's <i>Timothy</i> , a., 9 st. 6 lb.	H. Lamplugh.
Captain Rhys' <i>Royalty</i> , 5 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb.	Ennis.
Lord Sefton's <i>Shillibeer</i> , by Faugh a Ballagh (h.b.), 6 yrs., 9 st. (carried 9 st. 4 lb.)	E. Southwell.
Mr. Slater's <i>Burnt Sienna</i> , a., 8 st. 12 lb.	Burrows.

BETTING AT THE START

4 to 1 agst. Bourton.	20 to 1 agst. Spring.
5 „ 1 „ Maurice Daley.	20 „ 1 „ Peter.
8 „ 1 „ Half-and-Half.	25 „ 1 „ Cockcrow.
10 „ 1 „ Crabbs.	25 „ 1 „ Burnt Sienna.
12 „ 1 „ Peter Simple.	40 „ 1 „ Timothy.
15 „ 1 „ Oscar.	

THE RACE.

Off at 3.46, they charged the first fence in a body, the first over being Crabbs, who at once took

up the running. Nothing of moment occurred until the first bank beyond Becher's Brook, when La Gazza Ladra refused, causing Geraldus, Pride of the North, Timothy and one or two others to do the same. Burnt Sienna now put on the steam and led over Valentine's Brook six lengths in front of



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of Mr. Charles Archer.*

Crabbs. Pretty much the same order was maintained to the water in front of the stand, which was cleared by Burnt Sienna and Lady Arthur two lengths ahead of the others.

At the post and rails before Becher's Brook, Oscar was knocked over by Peter, Darling being thrown heavily.

After Becher's had been crossed, Burnt Sienna was still leading by several lengths, but tiring directly after landing on the race-course, was passed by Crabbs and Bourton, who raced neck and neck round the turn. When fairly in the straight, however, Bourton easily shook off Crabbs, and leaving him as if he were standing still, won in the commonest of canters, by fifteen lengths, Spring, who had collared Crabbs just before reaching the last hurdle, being second, ten lengths ahead of the last-named horse. Maley was fourth, Lady Arthur fifth, Half-and-Half sixth, and Burnt Sienna seventh.

Bedford broke his leg near Valentine's Brook, and was subsequently destroyed.

Time: First round 4 minutes $39\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Whole race: 9 minutes 59 seconds.

The Grand National of this year was chiefly remarkable for the sensational doings in connection with Miss Mowbray, who had been pounced upon by the public even before the entries were known. When, however, the weights were announced, and it was found that the mare had plenty to carry, she went out of the market, but a reaction setting in, she again became favourite, and continued so right

up to the day of the race, and this in face of an offer of £18,000 to £3,000 against her in one hand, and the working of a heavy commission on behalf of Bourton.

Great then was the consternation, when at 2.35 p.m. on the day, an announcement was posted up that the mare was scratched, thereby confirming the ugly rumours which had been going about all the morning, completely paralyzing the market for the time being.

The excuse was that her near fore-leg had given way to such an extent that it would have been dangerous to start her, and it transpired afterwards that since her arrival at Aintree some scoundrel, of course with a view to preventing her winning, had unknown to her trainer, succeeded in clapping a blister on the leg in question.

The abuse so freely showered on all connected with Miss Mowbray, by her angry backers, proved however to have been quite unmerited.

On the Saturday previous the mare was fit to run for her life ; Jim Mason had promised to come forth from his retirement expressly to ride—in short, so full of confidence were all connected with the mare, that they declined to hedge a shilling of the two thousand they had backed her for.

As for the race itself, it may safely be said that out of the twenty starters, only half a dozen took any active share in it, viz.:—Burnt Sienna, Spring, Crabbs, Maley, Lady Arthur and Bourton.

Abd el Kader would have been a certain starter, but met with an accident in his box whilst in the train.

WANDERER.

1855.

1. Mr. Dennis' b. h. *Wanderer* (h.b.), by Verulam,
aged, 9 st. 8 lb. J. Hanlon.
2. Mr. W. Barnett's b. h. *Freetrader*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb.
Meaney.
3. Mr. Cartwright's b. g. *Maurice Daley* (h.b.),
a., 9 st. 6 lb. R. James.
- Mr. T. F. Mason's *Miss Mowbray*, a., 11 st. 6 lb.
S. Darling.
- Mr. S. Mansell's *Peter*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.... Ablett.
- Mr. B. Land's *Needwood*, a., 11 st. 2 lb.... Fech.
- Mr. Moseley's *Trout*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.... Tasker.
- Mr. Hutchinson's *Half-and-Half*, a., 10 st. 4 lb.
Darby.
- Mr. Roberts' *Bastion*, a., 10 st. 4 lb. T. Oliver.
- Mr. Buchanan's *Escape*, a., 10 st. 4 lb. Knott.
- Mr. C. Symonds' *The Nugget*, a., 10 st. 4 lb.
W. White.
- Mr. Minton's *Garland*, a., 10 st. 2 lb. Sly, jun.
- Mr. Magee's *Boundaway*, 6 yrs., 10 st. J. Byrne.
- Mr. Elmore's *Janus*, a., 9 st. 10 lb. Lamplugh.
- Mr. A. Sait's *Cutaway*, a., 9 st. 10 lb. C. Boyce.

Mr. Henderson's *Maley*, a., 9 st. 6 lb. Fulman.

Mr. H. Lewis's *Pimpenn*, a., 9 st. 6 lb. (carried
9 st. 8 lb.)... Weaver.

Mr. C. Capel's *Little Charley*, a., 9 st. 4 lb.

D. Wynne.

Mr. Henderson's *Dangerous* (h.b.), a., 9 st.

Fowler.

Mr. Jenkins's *Burnt Sienna*, a., 9 st. T. Burrows.

STARTING PRICES.

3 to 1 agst.	Trout.	20 to 1 agst.	Peter.
4 „ 1 „	Miss Mowbray.	20 „ 1 „	Little Charley.
6 „ 1 „	Dangerous.	25 „ 1 „	Wanderer.
12 „ 1 „	Needwood.	33 „ 1 „	Janus.
15 „ 1 „	Bastion.	33 „ 1 „	Garland.
20 „ 1 „	Maurice Daley.		

THE RACE.

After crossing the first fence, charged by the lot in a body, Trout and Garland led the field to Becher's Brook, when they were passed by Bastion and Wanderer, who showed the way over Valentine's. On reaching the race-course they were joined by Trout, and the three jumped the water in front of the stand together, two lengths in front of Wanderer and Boundaway. Bastion now took the lead for a couple of fields, when he was passed by Wanderer

and Freetrader, the former of whom led over Becher's Brook by a couple of lengths.

At the same time and place the steeplechasing career of Miss Mowbray came to an untimely end. Fifth at the jump she caught the edge of the bank on the landing side with her toes, and fell on her head with such terrific force that both her neck and back were broken, with of course fatal results. Darling was thrown several yards away, and remained unconscious till brought round by a "tap" on the back of the neck by one of the other horses passing at the moment.

At the next fence but one, Trout knocked over one of the posts, thereby spoiling the respective chances of Escape and Little Charley, both of whom came down, the latter atop of the other, but without injury to their jockeys.

Wanderer was still in advance, but on landing on the race-course was passed by Freetrader, who coming with a rush, snatched a lead of quite a couple of lengths, whereupon Hanlon took a judicious pull at his horse and bided his time, which came at the final hurdle, when shaking off Freemantle and Maurice Daley, who had charged it abreast, knocking it down, he went on and won by two lengths. Four lengths behind Maurice Daley was third, Janus

fourth, Dangerous fifth, The Nugget sixth and Garland seventh.

Time : First round 4 mins. 49 secs.

Whole 10 .. 25 ..

The Grand National this year was a very tame affair all round. Not only was there a great falling off in the number of entries, but as a betting race it was a distinct failure, doubtless owing to the fact that the meeting had been postponed in consequence of the frost from the Wednesday previous. Owing to the exceptionally severe weather trainers had experienced the greatest difficulty in getting their horses into anything like condition, and this, coupled with the fact that the going was heavy, and the pace good, probably accounts in some measure for the race being the hollow affair it was ; the three placed horses practically having it all to themselves a long way from home.

That there was no great display of quality amongst the score of runners may be gathered from the following extract from *Bell's Life in London* :—

"With very few exceptions, we question if a worse field ever started for this race, and amongst those whom we should have pronounced beforehand as most unlikely to win 'The Liverpool' were the two

Irish horses, Boundaway and Wanderer, the former, a gawky, narrow, clothes-horse, and the latter a rough, undersized, common-looking hunter ; whilst the horse Dangerous had been in the habit of running in a ‘shandry’ twice a week to market in Cheshire, till November, 1854, when he was bought by Mr. Henderson.”

The owner of the winner had so little fancy for his horse that he went for Boundaway in preference, and it is a fact that but for company for the latter, and to keep him in a good humour, Wanderer never would have been started.

FREETRADER.

1856.

1. Mr. W. Barnett's br. h. *Freetrader*, by The Sea,
aged, 9 st. 6 lb. G. Stevens.
 2. Mr. Davenport's ch. m. *Minerva*, 6 yrs. (h.b.),
9 st. 10 lb. Sly, jun.
 3. Mr. G. Hobson's ch. g. *Minos*, a., 9 st. 4 lb.
R. James.
- Mr. W. Barnett's *Sir Peter Laurie*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
S. Darling.
- Baron C. Lamotte's *Jean du Quesne*, a., 10 st. 6 lb.
Lamplugh.
- Baron C. Lamotte's *Franc Picard*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
Wakefield.
- Mr. Hurley's *The Pasha*, a., 10 st. 4 lb.
D. Meany.
- Mr. G. Hodgman's *Emigrant*, a., 10 st. 2 lb.
C. Boyce.
- Mr. A. McDonogh's *Seaman*, a., 10 st. 2 lb.
(carried 10 st. 4 lb.) F. Martin.
- Mr. Harper's *The Forest Queen*, a., 10 st. 2 lb.
J. Thrift.
- Mr. Tyer's *Hopeless Star*, a., 10 st. 2 lb. (including
6 lb. extra) W. White.

Mr. Denison's <i>Jumpaway</i> (h.b.), a., 9 st. 10 lb.	J. Hanlon.
Mr. Barber's <i>Potter</i> , a., 9 st. 8 lb. ...	Kendall.
Mr. T. F. Mason's <i>British Yeoman</i> , a., 9 st. 4 lb. (carried 9 st. 7 lb.)...	Mr. Goodman.
Mr. C. Capel's <i>Little Charley</i> , a., 9 st. 4 lb.	T. Burrowes.
Mr. J. Tayleure's <i>Dan O'Connell</i> , a., 9 st. 4 lb.	R. Archer.
Mr. Dixon's <i>Banstead</i> , 6 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb.	Mr. W. Bevill.
Mr. Pickering's <i>Victor Emmanuel</i> , 6 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb.	Seffert.
Mr. Hodgman's <i>Stamford</i> , a. (carried 9 st. 2 lb.)	C. Green.
Mr. H. King's <i>Liverpool Boy</i> , 6 yrs., 9 st.	M'Lean.
Mr. J. Henderson's <i>Harry Lorrequer</i> , 5 yrs., 8 st. 10 lb. ...	... ... ... Fowler.

STARTING PRICES.

9 to 2 agst. Jean du Quesne.	25 to 1 agst. Freetrader (t.)
5 „ 1 „ Harry Lorrequer (t.)	25 „ 1 „ Minerva (t.)
7 „ 1 „ Seaman (t.)	25 „ 1 „ Hopeless Star (t.)
10 „ 1 „ The Potter (t.)	25 „ 1 „ Jumpaway.
12 „ 1 „ Sir Peter Laurie (t.)	40 „ 1 „ British Yeoman.
15 „ 1 „ Forest Queen (t.)	40 „ 1 „ Little Charley.
15 „ 1 „ Stamford (t.)	40 „ 1 „ The Pasha.
100 „ 6 „ Emigrant (t.)	50 „ 1 „ Banstead.

THE RACE.

Off at the first attempt, at 3.30. Forest Queen rushed ahead, followed by Jean du Quesne and Emigrant.

At the second fence Victor Emmanuel fell, and getting away from his jockey, ran with the leading horses all the way, clearing all the fences in faultless style, and at the same time interfering with not a few of his companions.

At Becher's Brook Harry Lorrequer jumped amongst the spectators, knocking down several, whilst at the bank beyond, Emigrant slipped on his belly and getting the reins over his head, lost some ground, but for all that was close up with Forest Queen at Valentine's, the latter holding the lead to the water, which she jumped just ahead of Jean du Quesne, followed by The Potter, Free-trader and Minerva. Previous to this Sir Peter Laurie bolted up Proceeds Lane, in the direction of his corn bin, and was stopped and walked home.

The beaten lot now began to drop off. At the second fence into the country, Banstead getting too close to the bank, struck it with his chest and putting out his shoulder, had to be destroyed. Forest Queen, still making the running, was first

over Becher's Brook ; at the next fence, however, a bystander got in her way and spoilt her chance, whilst crossing the lane the old Yeoman, when looking as dangerous as anything, broke down in the off fore-leg.

Jean du Quesne, dead beat, was the first to land on the race-course, but was quickly passed by Freetrader, Minerva, and Minos, a tremendous race home between the three ending in the former's victory by half a length. Minos, who came with a tremendous rush at the last, was third, half a length off, Hopeless Star fourth, Little Charlie fifth and Emigrant sixth.

Time : 10 minutes 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Up till now the Liverpool meeting had occupied a single day only, but this year it was extended over two days, the Grand National being run on the second.

It is worthy of note, too, that Mr. Topping this year held the reins of management.

For the first time since its commencement, there was not a single previous winner amongst the acceptances, indeed, there was not one amongst the twenty-one running to whom the term "steeple-chase crack" would apply.

Immediately after publication of the weights, Sir Peter Laurie was made first favourite, but at the last nothing went down better than Jean du Quesne, whose victory would have sent a heap of English gold across the water.

The race was interesting if only from the fact that George Stevens, on the winner, commenced his wonderful series of five victories, a record which will probably remain unbeaten so long as the Grand National exists.

EMIGRANT.

1857.

1. Mr. Hodgman's b. g. *Emigrant*, by Drayton,
aged, 9 st. 10 lb. C. Boyce.
2. Mr. B. Land's b. g. *Weathercock*, a., 6 yrs., 8 st.
12 lb. Green.
3. Mr. T. Hughes' b. m. *Treachery*, 5 yrs., 9 st.
Poole.
- Mr. J. Merry's *Escape*, 11 st. 2 lb. ... Thrift.
- Mr. Mellish's *Minos*, 10 st. 4 lb. Mr. Goodman.
- Baron Monuecove's *Casse Con*, 10 st. 2 lb.
Johnson.
- Mr. J. Colpitt's *Star of the West*, 10 st.
E. Jones.
- Count de Cunchy's *Jean du Quesne*, 10 st.
H. Lamplugh.
- Mr. E. Parr's *Hopeless Star*, 10 st. D. Wynne.
- Mr. Barnett's *Free Trader*, 10 st. G. Stevens.
- Mr. Capel's *Little Charley*, 10 st. T. Burrowes.
- Colonel Dickson's *Garry Owen*, 9 st. 12 lb.
J. Ryan.
- Mr. W. P. Wrixon's *Squire of Bensham*, 9 st. 8 lb.
Mr. Coxon.
- Mr. A. Rice's *Dangerous*, 9 st. 8 lb. F. Page.



EMIGRANT.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1857.

Mr. Harper's <i>Forest Queen</i> , 9 st. 8 lb.	T. Donaldson.
Mr. T. Hughes' <i>Red Rose</i> , 9 st. 8 lb.	J. Hughes.
Mr. Jennings' <i>King Dan</i> , 9 st. 6 lb.	Escott.
Mr. J. Garnett's <i>Midge</i> , 9 st. 6 lb.	Mr. Black.
Mr. T. Hughes' <i>Romeo</i> , 9 st. 6 lb.	D. White.
Mr. J. Dennis's <i>Albatross</i> , 9 st. 6 lb.	Meaney.
Mr. J. Cassidy's <i>Sting</i> , 9 st. 6 lb.	Hanlon.
Viscomte Lauriston's <i>Lady Arthur</i> , 9 st. 4 lb.	Weaver.
Mr. Laurence's <i>Maurice Daley</i> , 9 st. 2 lb.	James.
Mr. W. Williams' <i>Omar Pasha</i> , 9 st. 2 lb.	J. Kendall.
Mr. Hylton's <i>Teddesley</i> , 9 st. ...	R. Ascher.
Mr. Raxworthy's <i>First of May</i> , 9 st. ...	R. Sly.
Mr. T. Hughes' <i>Westminster</i> , 9 st. 2 lb. (including 6 lb. extra) ...	... ... ... Palmer.
Mr. T. Day's <i>Horniblow</i> , 9 st. 10 lb. ...	Dart.

STARTING PRICES.

100 to 15 agst. Minos (t).	100 to 1 agst. Little Charley.
7 „ 1 „ Escape (off).	20 „ 6 „ Forest Queen.
9 „ 1 „ Hopeless Star.	25 „ 1 „ Free Trader.
10 „ 1 „ Emigrant.	25 „ 1 „ Weathercock.
12 „ 1 „ Teddesley.	30 „ 1 „ Garry Owen.
100 „ 7 „ Jean du Quesne.	40 „ 1 „ Maurice Daley.
100 „ 6 „ Omar Pasha.	50 „ 1 „ Dangerous.
100 „ 6 „ Romeo.	50 „ 1 „ Sting.

THE RACE.

After several false starts the flag fell at 3.26, Garry Owen and Emigrant being conspicuous in the van, the former increasing his lead as he went on.

Approaching Valentine's Brook Boyce on Emigrant bore to the right and jumped it close to the canal bank, whilst the other horses took it up higher and kept straight on, thus having to go over the heavy ploughed land in the succeeding fields ; Emigrant, on the other hand, found it firm going on the side of the canal bank. The advantage was very apparent, and on reaching the race-course he passed Garry Owen and took up the running on his own account.

When about half-way across the course an unfortunate accident happened. The Irish mare Albatross staggered and sank, and Meaney hastily jumping off to ascertain the cause, discovered she had broken a blood-vessel. Falling to the ground immediately afterwards she died in a quarter of an hour.

Emigrant and Westminster now raced side by side to the water, which Mr. Hodgman's horse cleared a length ahead of the other, with Little Charley close behind.

Proceeds Lane saw the last of Midge, and Emigrant, who was now quite fifty yards ahead of the rest, jumped Valentine's Brook at the same part as before.

At this point Jean du Quesne and Hopeless Star dropped out, and Boyce taking a judicious pull at his horse, Weathercock and Dangerous were enabled to get within measurable distance. Shortly afterwards Dangerous dropped back beaten, and from this point almost to the distance Emigrant and Weathercock had the finish to themselves, the former in the end winning easily by two lengths. Dangerous should have been third, but was caught and passed by both Treachery and Westminster a few yards from the chair, Jean du Quesne was sixth, Lady Arthur seventh, and Forest Queen eighth.

Time: 10 minutes 6 seconds.

Net value of stakes, £1,115.

Emigrant was the joint property of Messrs. Hodgman and Green, the well-known bookmakers, both of whom won largely by their horse's success.

Not the least interesting part of the programme was the race to the water in front of the stand between Emigrant and Westminster, the former

having been backed by one of his owners to be first over, which bet he just won, for though the horses were actually all but abreast as they rose, Emigrant jumped so quickly and beautifully that he was almost a length to the good.

The masterly way Boyce rode the winner, handicapped as he was with a damaged arm, was beyond all praise, and it is good to know that it did not go unrewarded, the joint owners of Emigrant presenting him with a thousand, and a gallant baronet, who had won money over the race, half that amount.

The casual manner whereby Emigrant came into the possession of Mr. George Hodgman reveals a few interesting details worthy of mention.

In the spring of 1855 Mr. Hodgman, then very successfully carrying on a bookmaker's business, was at Shrewsbury attending the races, and stopping at the George Hotel.

Old Ben Land, the veteran steeplechase jockey, had bought Emigrant and Odiham with a view to winning a steeplechase with one or other of them--possibly both.

One night Mr. Hodgman turned up at the hotel and found Land playing cards. Fortune had gone against him the whole evening, and even while

Hodgman was watching the play, Ben's ill-luck still stuck to him.

Things going from bad to worse, Ben at last intimated to the general company that if matters continued in that way he would have to sell Emigrant. Whereupon Hodgman promptly enquired the price and volunteered to buy him at his own figure.

Land wanted £600, to which Hodgman disagreed. Finally he became possessor of the horse at £590, with the proviso that if the horse won at Shrewsbury another £100 would be added, a very profitable investment, as it turned out.

It was only shortly after the transfer of the horse that Hodgman meeting one of his brother bookmakers named Green, was persuaded into allowing the latter to have a share in Emigrant.

A large sum of money was taken out of the ring, Green having backed Emigrant to win a fortune, whilst Mr. Hodgman threw in for £5,000.

It is interesting to note that Charlie Boyce rode the winner with the upper part of one of his arms bound up to his side, and previous to the race there was considerable doubt as to whether he was fit or not to ride.

LITTLE CHARLEY.

1858.

1. Mr. Capel's b. g. *Little Charley*, by Charles XII..
aged, 10 st. 7 lb. W. Archer.
2. Viscount Talon's b. g. *Weathercock*, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. Edwards.
3. Mr. Craven's g. *Xanthus*, a., 11 st. ... Balchin.
Mr. J. Merry's *Escape*, 10 st. 10 lb. (carried 11 st.)
T. Oliver.
- Mr. J. C. Manby's *Claudius*, 10 st. 7 lb. Poole.
- Mr. Briscoe's *Abd el Kader*, 10 st. 5 lb. C. Green.
- Sir E. Hutchinson's *Morgan Rattler*, 10 st. 4 lb.
T. Burrowes.
- Mr. Heron Maxwell's *Joe Graham*, 9 st. 12 lb.
(carried 10 st. 4 lb.) Rutherford.
- Mr. T. Hughes' *Treachery*, 9 st. 8 lb. W. White.
- Mr. Buchanan's *Lough Bawn*, 9 st. 8 lb.
G. Stevens.
- Mr. T. Bay's *Black Bess*, 9 st. 6 lb. D. Wynne.
- Captain Connell's *Little Tom*, 9 st. 6 lb.
B. Land, jun.
- Mr. J. Henderson's *Harry Lorrequer*, 9 st.
W. Fowler.

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of Mr. F. P. Holman.*

LITTLE CHARLIE.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1858.



Mr. Heron Maxwell's *Glenamour* (h.b.), 9 st. Knott.
 Mr. J. Henderson's *Moire Antique*, 9 st. F. Page.
 Mr. Tempest's *Conrad*, 8 st. 4 lb. ... E. Jones.

STARTING PRICES.

4 to 1 agst.	Treachery.	14 to 1 agst.	Conrad.
9 „ 2 „	Lough Bawn.	100 „ 6 „	Little Charley.
5 „ 1 „	Little Tom.	100 „ 6 „	Morgan Rattler.
12 „ 1 „	Harry Lorrequer.	20 „ 1 „	Escape.
25 „ 1 „	Weathercock.	20 „ 1 „	Black Bess.
25 „ 1 „	Abd el Kader.	33 „ 1 „	Xanthus.
25 „ 1 „	Moire Antique.	33 „ 1 „	Joe Graham.

THE RACE.

The horses had taken their canter; some had gone down to the post, and were *en route* for it, when the whole were recalled to parade in front of the stand. This ceremony having been duly executed during a slight snowstorm, the troop retraced their steps to the starting field and at two minutes past four the flag fell to a pretty start at the first attempt.

At the second fence Abd el Kader came to grief, and galloped away riderless; Joe Graham also blundered and nearly came down.

At Becher's Brook, Conrad took the lead and kept it until half way along the canal side, when Harry Lorrequer took up the running.

At the next fence Escape was knocked over, whilst shortly after Little Tom put his foot in a hole and fell heavily, Moire Antique rolling over him.

After crossing the lane Conrad resumed the lead, jumping the artificial water opposite the stand in splendid style, followed by Little Charley, Weathercock, Zanthus and Harry Lorrequer.

Little Tom fell into the water on all fours, young Ben Land being loudly cheered as he remounted, though not to any good purpose, as he was already three hundred yards behind when he came down. Though still in front as they approached Becher's Brook for the second time, Conrad was rapidly compounding.

At one of the banks further on Treachery overreached so badly that she was no longer persevered with, whilst Black Bess, not rising an inch, fell into the ditch and was seen no more.

Rounding the first turning flag, Lough Bawn refused to jump, and started kicking, whilst a collision knocked out Harry Lorrequer. After Valentine's Brook had been crossed, Conrad,

Weathercock and Little Charley apparently had the race to themselves, Conrad being the first to crack, Archer then sent Little Charley along for all he was worth, and quickly drawing level with Weathercock, on whom his jockey was hard at work, won eventually by four lengths. Fifty yards astern Zanthus cantered in third, Morgan Rattler was fourth, and Conrad fifth, nothing else passing the post.

Time: 11 minutes 5 seconds.

The race this year was run on Saturday, March 6th, having been postponed from Wednesday, March 3rd, owing to the inclemency of the weather, and such a disastrous effect did this have on the attendance, that it was estimated that at 2 o'clock there were not more than five hundred people, all told, on the course and stands.

The weather too was the reverse of inviting, for not only was the ground covered with half-melted snow, but the wind was simply terrific, a drinking booth on the course being blown bodily away.

The race itself was probably the slowest recorded since lightweight handicapping in steeplechasing became the fashion, whilst the number of falls were

quite without precedent, four only out of the sixteen runners pulling through without a mishap.

It is worthy of remark that the present occasion was Little Charley's fourth appearance in the race, and his fifth season as a steeplechaser.

HALF CASTE.

1859.

1. Mr. Willoughby's br. h. *Half Caste*, by Morgan Rattler, 6 yrs., 9 st. 7 lb. ... C. Green.
2. Viscount F. de Cunchy's b. h. *Jean du Quesne*, a., 9 st. 9 lb. ... H. Lamplugh.
3. Mr. Land's b. h. *The Huntsman*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb. B. Land, jun.
Mr. Garnett's *Midge*, 9 st. 4 lb. ... D. Meaney.
Viscount A. Talon's *Weathercock*, 10 st. 13 lb. Enoch.
Mr. W. Barnett's *Little Charley*, 10 st. 11 lb. T. Burrowes.
Mr. Craven's *Xanthus*, 10 st. 7 lb. F. Balchin.
Mr. Merry's *Escape*, 10 st. 5 lb. T. Donaldson.
Mr. J. L. Manby's *Claudius*, 10 st. T. Oliver.
Lord Waterford's *Ace of Hearts*, 9 st. 12 lb. J. Ryan.
Mr. T. Hughes' *The Brewer*, 9 st. 10 lb. W. White.
Mr. H. E. Johnstone's *Border Chief*, 9 st. 10 lb. Watling.

- Mr. Moreton's *Ghika*, 9 st. 10 lb. (carried 9 st.
12 lb.) C. Boyce.
Mr. Bayley's *Jealousy*, 9 st. 8 lb. ... Kendall.
Mr. Capel's *Anatis*, 9 st. 4 lb. Mr. Thomas.
Viscount A. Talon's *Orkonsta*, 9 st. G. Stevens.
Mr. Slaney's *The Gipsy King* (h.b.), 9 st.
Edmunds.
Mr. Hope's *Gibraltar*, 9 st. ... Armstrong.
Mr. Barling's *Flatcatcher* (h.b.), 8 st. 12 lb.
(carried 9 st.) T. Holmes.
Mr. Barber's *Spring*, 8 st. 7 lb. ... Nightingall.

STARTING PRICES.

100 to 30 agst.	The Brewer.	20 to 1 agst.	Ghika.
7 "	I " Half Caste.	25 "	I " Ace of Hearts.
10 "	I " Jean du Quesne.	25 "	I " Anatis.
10 "	I " Jealousy.	33 "	I " Weathercock.
100 "	8 " The Huntsman.	33 "	I " Midge.
14 "	I " Little Charley.	33 "	I " Orkonsta.
20 "	I " Escape.	40 "	I " Spring.

THE RACE.

At 3.20 Lord Sefton led the horses to the post, whence they went off to a capital start at the second attempt. The Brewer, closely followed by Xanthus, showed the way, until reaching the post and rails, when the latter took his place, jumping Becher's Brook in fine style, just in front of Gipsy

King and Flatcatcher. At the rails and ditch beyond, Spring, not rising, came down, and getting away from Nightingall, galloped away riderless. As they neared the race-course the pace began to tell fearfully on some of them, Weathercock breaking down badly at the last; and at this point Gipsy King, too, had finished work for the day. Flatcatcher and Xanthus now raced together for the water in front of the stand, which they cleared simultaneously, closely followed by Anatis, Jean du Quesne, Half Caste and Ace of Hearts the favourite, who had previously come down at the fence beyond Valentine's, falling bodily into the water.

Half Caste now showed the way, but was shortly afterwards pulled back in favour of Xanthus, who held the lead until nearing the second fence beyond Becher's, when he came down heavily and broke away loose.

Half Caste then went to the front once more, and by knocking off a rail when clearing a fence, which got between Flatcatcher's legs, was responsible for the latter's downfall. Thereupon Anatis, availing herself of a nice short cut to the left, took second place, those still in the race being Jean du Quesne, The Huntsman and Midge.

Once on the race-course a slashing set-to ensued between the trio, ending in the victory of Half Caste by a short neck, Jean du Quesne second a length in front of The Huntsman ; Midge was fourth, Anatis fifth, Orkonsta sixth, Ghika seventh, and Escape eighth.

Time : 10 minutes 2 seconds.

Though cold, the weather was beautifully fine this year, and the attendance very large in consequence.

Intimation of a renewal of an attempt made yesterday to remove and lessen some of the fences, which if successful would have given the event the character of a hurdle race, induced Lord Sefton to go over the ground in person.

Finding that the report was true, his lordship at once gave orders for the restoration of the jumps to their original dimensions.

The majority of the horses (three of whom were French representatives) were casts off from the flat, and, on the whole, were a poor-looking lot for the most important event in the Steeplechase Kalendar which, it may be mentioned, was better worth winning than usual, the value of the Stake being £840.



From a drawing.

ANATIS,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1860.

ANATIS.

1860.

Mr. C. Capel's b. m. *Anatis*, by King Dan—The
Switcher's dam, aged, 9 st. 10 lb. Mr. Thomas.
Captain Hunt's b. h. *The Huntsman*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.
Captain Townley.

Mr. W. G. Craven's ch. g. *Zanthus*, a., 10 st.
F. Balchin.

Mr. Aylmer's *Redwing*, a., 10 st. 8 lb. ... Rourke.

Mr. Barrett's *Brunette*, a., 12 st. ... Kendall.

Mr. H. Blundell's *Horniblow*, a., 10 st. 10 lb.
Enoch.

Captain Hunt's *Goldsmith*, a., 10 st. 10 lb.
Ben Land, jun.

Sir George Wombwell's *Bridegroom* (h.b.), a.,
10 st. 6 lb. Mr. Ekard.

Mr. Francis' *Tease*, a., 10 st. 2 lb. ... W. White.

Mr. J. Courtenay's *Sir Robert*, a., 10 st. 2 lb.
C. Boyce.

Mr. Aylmer's *Kilcock*, 6 yrs., 10 st. D. Meaney.

Mr. Worthington's *Telegram*, a., 9 st. 9 lb. Palmer.

Mr. Golby's *Maria Agnes*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb.
G. Stevens.

Mr. Barber's *Miss Harkaway*, a., 9 st. 8 lb.

Mr. F. Lotan.

Mr. Burling's *The Curate* (h.b.), a., 9 st. 4 lb.

G. Eatwell.

Major Owen's *Shylock*, a., 9 st. 2 lb. (carried
9 st. 5 lb) T. Clay.

Captain White's *Lefroy*, a., 9 st. ... C. Green.

Captain Clifton's *Congreve*, a., 9 st. Gammeridge.

Mr. Bevill's *Irish Boy*, a., 8 st. 12 lb.

Mr. W. Bevill.

BETTING.

7 to 2 agst. Anatis.	100 to 6 agst. Brunette.
7 „ 1 „ Tease.	100 „ 6 „ Goldsmith.
10 „ 1 „ Maria Agnes.	25 „ 1 „ Shylock.
10 „ 1 „ Zanthus.	33 „ 1 „ The Huntsman.
12 „ 1 „ Irish Boy.	33 „ 1 „ Sir Robert.
100 „ 1 „ Telegram.	

THE RACE.

To the accompaniment of a nipping easterly blast
the lot were despatched at 3.22.

Congreve and Miss Harkaway refused the second
fence, whence Goldsmith cut out the work at a
clipping pace to Becher's Brook, which he jumped in
advance of the rest.

At the ensuing post and rails The Curate came down heavily, all however pulling out of his way except Shylock, who lost at least sixty yards in avoiding trouble over the fallen one.

Zanthus was the first to jump on to the race-course with a commanding lead, but a "steadier" before reaching the thorn-topped hurdles at the outer line enabled Anatis and Telegram to get on terms with him, the three jumping first the timber, and then the artificial water, abreast, three lengths ahead of The Huntsman and the rest, with the exception of Sir Robert, who, completely outpaced, had been pulled up at the preceding hurdles.

Over Becher's Brook flew Zanthus with Anatis



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THE FOURTH EARL OF SEFTON, OWNER
OF THE AINTREE COURSE.

at his girths, closely followed by The Huntsman Telegram, and Tease, the last-named breaking down badly on landing, and having to be led home.

Telegram falling heavily soon after, Anatis took up the running, jumping on to the race-course two lengths ahead of Zanthus and the Huntsman, whilst toiling hopelessly in the rear were Maria Agnes, Linkboy, Bridegroom and Brunette.

In the straight Zanthus gave way to The Huntsman, who drew level with Anatis at the last flight of hurdles, which the former hit hard and knocked away, without, however, so far as it could be seen, impeding the career of either.

A tremendous race home now ensued between the pair, but just when a shout went up from the ring heralding the victory of the outsider, Mr. Thomas took up his whip for the first time, and the mare, answering in the gamest manner to her rider's call went on and won cleverly amidst great cheering by half a length.

Six lengths away Zanthus was third, the whippers in being Maria Agnes, Irish Boy, Bridegroom and Brunette, who finished in the order named.

Captain Townley, who rode a most patient race throughout on The Huntsman, always declared to us

that but for a swerve at the last hurdle, when he lost a stirrup iron, he would have won.

But Mr. Thomas won't admit this at all. To quote his own words, "The Huntsman, in reality, lost very little ground when he hit the last hurdle, and I had won to all intents and purposes before we came to it. Anatis took it in her stride in grand form, and I had only to be very patient with her, I knew, and she would stay home. Had I ridden her *really* hard for fifty yards, she would have collapsed."

That Captain Townley himself was not quite easy in his mind was, we think, proved by his shouting out to Mr. Thomas, who had jumped on to the race-course just ahead of him—in a jocular spirit of course—"Tommy, you little devil, is a thousand any good to you?"

In telling the story against himself, the Captain would add with a chuckle, "*But Tommy was too busy to reply!*"

"And dear old Tom was quite right," says Mr. Pickernell in his turn. "I was much too busy with the mare to answer him, or even look round."

The presence of a full-fledged parson amongst the riders in a Grand National field is not an every-day occurrence, and few possibly were aware at the

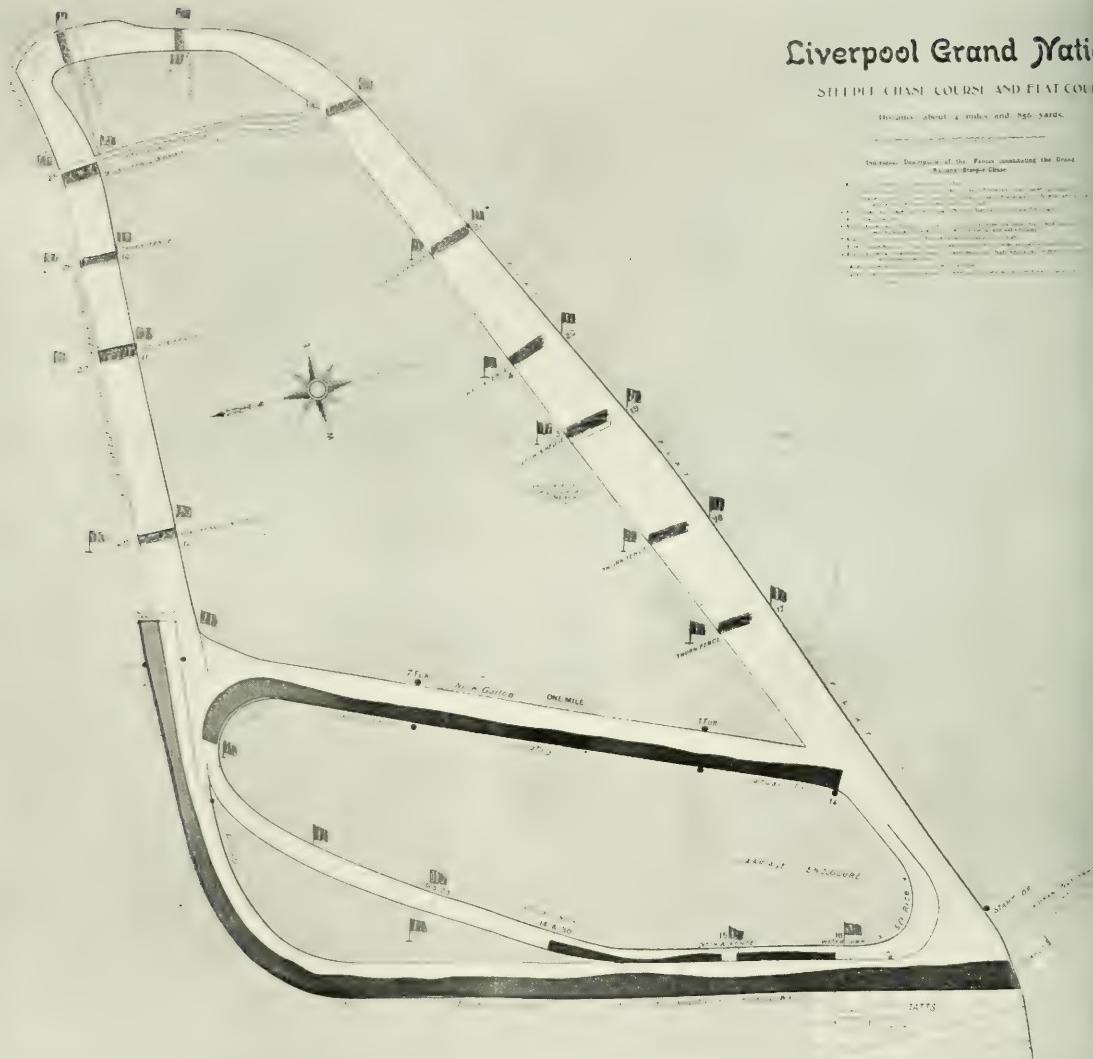
time that Mr. "Ekard" concealed the identity of a hard-riding member of one of the most celebrated sporting families in the kingdom, who presumably with a view to the family living, had taken holy orders. That his own personal friends were of opinion that the rider of Bridegroom was, to quote the old 'Varsity song, "Sure to get on in the Church," is certain, or they would not thus early have promoted him to the Bishopric of Soda and B.

"And who *was* Mr. 'Ekard'?" we fancy we hear the reader enquire. Well, perhaps if you spell the name backwards it will afford a clue.

Liverpool Grand National

SHEDDEN CHASE COURSE AND FLAT COURSE.

Distance about 4 miles and 850 yards.



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JEALOUSY.

MARCH 13TH, 1861.

Conditions same as 1860. 83 subs., 29 of whom declared; and 24 started.

1. Mr. J. Bennett's br. m. *Jealousy*, by The Cure,
aged, 9 st. 12 lb. Kendall.
 2. Capt. Christie's b. h. *The Dane*, 5 yrs., 10 st.
W. White.
 3. Mr. W. Briscoe's b. g. *Old Ben Roe*, a., 10 st.
7 lb. G. Waddington.
 4. Mr. B. J. Angell's b. g. *Bridegroom*, a., 10 st.
7 lb. Mr. FitzAdam.
 5. Mr. W. G. Craven's *Xanthus*, 9 st. 8 lb.
C. Boyce.
- Mr. F. Rowland's *Brunette*, 11 st. ... Owner.
- Mr. Manby's *Kibworth Lass*, 11 st. 3 lb. (including
6 lb. extra) Oliver, jun.
- Mr. Capel's *Anatis*, 10 st. 4 lb. ... Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. Manby's *Diamant*, 10 st. 4 lb. ... Enoch.
- Mr. J. Stoke's *Brother to Lady's Maid*, 10 st. 3 lb.
Harris.

Mr. D. Briggs' *The Emperor*, 10 st. 2 lb.

Mr. Goodman.

Baron de la Motte's *Franc Picard*, 10 st.

H. Lamplugh.

Capt. Little's *Master Bagot*, 10 st. Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Mackey's ns. b. m. *Wee Nell* (h.b.), 9 st. 11 lb.

Knott.

Mr. C. Watts' *Longrange*, 9 st. 10 lb.

R. Sherrard.

Mr. Bowbiggin's *Kilcock*, 9 st. 10 lb. D. Meaney.

Mr. E. J. Gannon's *Redwing*, 9 st. 7 lb. Murphy.

Mr. C. Symonds' *The Freshman*, 9 st. 7 lb.

Mr. Blake.

Mr. W. Owen's *The Irish Emigrant*, 9 st. R. Sly.

Mr. Spencer Lucy's *The Unknown*, 8 st. 12 lb.

(carried 9 st.) G. Eatwell.

Mr. G. Hodgman's *The Conductor*, 8 st. 12 lb.

Nightingall.

Marquess of Hartington's *Dr. Leete*, 8 st. 8 lb.

W. Mason.

Mr. S. Gooderham's *Cockatoo*, 8 st. 8 lb. C. Green.

Mr. J. S. Wilson's *The Rover*, 8 st. 8 lb. F. Page.

STARTING PRICES.

4 to 1 agst.	Anatis.	25 to 1 agst.	Redwing and The Bridegroom.
5 „ 1 „	Jealousy.	33 „ 1 „	Brunette and The Dane.
7 „ 1 „	Cockatoo.	40 „ 1 „	Kilcock and The Conductor.
8 „ 1 „	Master Bagot.	50 „ 1 „	Xanthus.
10 „ 1 „	Old Ben Roe.		
100 „ 8 „	The Emperor.		
14 „ 1 „	Franc Picard.		
100 „ 7 „	The Freshman.		

THE RACE.

Off at three minutes to four to a capital start, Xanthus for the third year in succession taking the lead, only to resign it immediately afterwards to Redwing, who, acting to orders, proceeded to force the pace in fine style. At the second fence a regular scrimmage took place, Irish Emigrant being the principal sufferer, Sly getting a bad fall and being rendered insensible for hours afterwards. Meanwhile, Redwing increased his advantage, clearing Becher's Brook quite a dozen lengths ahead of Xanthus and The Freshman, who cleared it together in front of Cockatoo, Old Ben Roe and Brunette, whilst Diamant and Kibworth Lass refused.

At the succeeding post and rails Master Bagot fell, rolling over Mr. Edwards, whilst at the next hedge and ditch The Conductor refused, being

injured so much by being jumped upon that he had to be destroyed later on, whilst The Freshman fell at Valentine's Brook. Once on the race-course, Xanthus passed Redwing, the pair jumping the water together in front of the others, Mr. Rowland taking a pull at his mare when re-entering the enclosure, leaving Cockatoo and Anatis in attendance on the leading pair.

At the bank where Irish Emigrant fell in the first round, Cockatoo took second place, but shortly after floundered on to his back and whilst lying in that position was jumped on by Anatis, who in her turn pitched on her head. Redwing now led a good three lengths, but coming into collision, so it was said, with the prostrate Conductor, dropped away.

After this Old Ben Roe took up the running, followed by Xanthus and Bridegroom, until the second fence from the canal hedge, where Jealousy, who had been gradually drawing up, took her place at Ben's quarters, and bounding with him on to the course, kept him in close company until the last hurdle, when she came right away and won in a canter by two lengths; The Dane, who dropped from the clouds, as it were, coming with a rush at the last moment, and snatching the second place from

Old Ben Roe by the same distance. A length away from the last named, Bridegroom was fourth, a neck in front of Xanthus, whilst Medway was sixth.

Time : 10 mins. 14 secs.

Net value of stakes, £985.

The accidents this year commenced early. Lord Sefton as usual conducted the horses to the post, and on this occasion his hack becoming frightened at starter's flag, reared up, and whipping short round, came to the ground, without injury, fortunately, to his rider.

With the exception of Conductor, whose shoulder was broken, and Nightingall, slightly injured by being jumped upon, none of the casualties were of a serious description, though Mr. Edwards had a narrow escape when Master Bagot fell on his side and rolled over him at the post and rails after Becher's Brook.

Just before the race, a rumour got about that Old Ben Roe had been objected to as being in the forfeit list under his old name of Joe Maley, but it came to nothing, the fact of a horse being in the forfeit list not disqualifying him for a steeplechase, as that branch of sport was not amenable to racing law.

It seemed odd to see such a fine horseman as George Stevens standing down this year, but it was not because there was no demand for his services—very much the contrary indeed; it transpiring that he had actually refused no fewer than thirteen offers in order to ride Jealousy, his sole reason for not doing so being that those who had first call on his services declined to give their consent.



From a painting in the possession
of Mr. G. H. Burton.
BRIDEGROOM.
SECOND IN THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1862.

HUNTSMAN.

1862.

1. Viscount de Namur's b. h. *Huntsman*, by
Tupsley, aged, 11 st. ... H. Lamplugh.
2. Mr. Angell's b. h. *Bridegroom*, a., 10 st. 13 lb.
B. Land, jun.
3. Mr. Bennett's b. g. *Romeo*, a., 8 st. 12 lb.
C. Bennett.
4. Lord Sefton's ns. ch. g. *Xanthus*, a., 9 st. 6 lb.
R. Sherrard.
- Sir E. Hutchinson's b. m. *Anatis*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. R. Rowan's b. h. *Bucephalus*, 10 st. 9 lb.
M'Grillon.
- Mr. A. Yates' *Playman*, 10 st. 8 lb. (including
10 lb. extra) Nightingall.
- Mr. T. Naghten's b. h. *Thomastown*, 10 st. 4 lb.
J. Murphy.
- Mr. H. Lington's *Willoughby* (h.b.), 10 st.
Owner.
- Lord de Freyne's *O'Connell*, 9 st. 8 lb. J. Wynne.
- Mr. W. G. Craven's *The Tattler*, 9 st. 7 lb.
(carried 9 st. 8 lb.) C. Boyce.

Mr. W. W. Baker's *Harry*, 9 st. 5 lb.

G. Stevens.

Mr. J. Henry's *The Poet*, 8 st. 12 lb. ... Gatt.

STARTING PRICES,

3 to 1 agst.	Huntsman.	100 to 8 agst.	The Tattler.
6 „ 1 „	Thomastown.	100 „ 7 „	Bucephalus.
9 „ 1 „	Anatis.	20 „ 1 „	Willoughby.
10 „ 1 „	Bridegroom.	25 „ 1 „	Xanthus.
10 „ 1 „	Harry.	25 „ 1 „	Playman.
100 „ 8 „	Romeo.	33 „ 1 „	O'Connell.

THE RACE.

The flag fell at 3.29, nearly half an hour late, Bridegroom, Xanthus and Willoughby at once going to the front and jumping the first fence together.

Thomastown refused at the first fence, and The Tattler at the second, the former with such obstinacy that the great Irish "Pot" was forthwith walked back to the place from whence he came.

With the exception of a collision at the fence and bank beyond Becher's Brook between Bucephalus and The Tattler, nothing worthy of note took place until the race-course was reached, where a sad fatality occurred. Playman, rushing madly at two

gorsed hurdles followed by the water, over-reached himself and fell heavily. Almost at the same moment Willoughby landed on his head and rolled over, in which predicament he was charged by O'Connell, who also fell. Willoughby got up with his jockey and went on, but the other, unable to rise, rolled over James Wynne with deadly effect, his breastbone being so badly crushed that he died the same evening between 7 and 8 o'clock.

Meanwhile Harry showed the way over the water and beyond, until reaching the starting field, when he stumbled and was passed in succession by Bridegroom, Romeo, and The Huntsman, to which trio the race was now confined.

At the fence beyond Becher's, Romeo jumped the wrong side of a flag, and his having to go back and jump it a second time, effectually extinguished what had previously looked like a very rosy chance of winning.

The Huntsman had now only Bridegroom to beat, and for the remainder of the journey the pair raced close together until the last flight of hurdles was reached, when Lamplugh, who had been biding his time, gave the favourite his head, coming clean away, won in a canter by four lengths, and at a wide interval Romeo galloped in third, Xanthus was fourth and

Bucephalus fifth, none of the others passing the post.

Time : 9 mins. 30 secs.

The small field of thirteen runners showed a great falling off from the previous year, when there were 89 entries, the largest number obtained since the establishment of the race.

For this deficiency the lightness of the weights was doubtless responsible, at least, such was the consensus of opinion.

Needless to say, the fatal accident to James Wynne, the rider of O'Connell, at the hurdles before reaching the water, cast a gloom over the day's proceedings it never recovered from.

The unfortunate jockey, who died the same evening, was the son of "Denny" Wynne, who steered Matthew to victory in 1847.

It was only on the very morning of the race that he had been apprised of the death of his sister in Ireland, and this coming to the ears of Lord de Freyne, owner of O'Connell, he very considerately did his best to dissuade his jockey from riding. The latter insisted, however, and Lord de Freyne seeing that further argument was useless, allowed him to have his own way, with the result just recorded.



TOM TOWNELY.

From a sketch.

The Huntsman was another of those “bargains” in horseflesh which crop up now and again in the annals of the Grand National. We tell the story of the deal just as we heard it from the lips of the late Captain Townley, the original purchaser of the horse.

With a hard frost on the ground, and hunting therefore out of the question, what more natural than that Tom Townley, quartered with the 10th Hussars in Ireland, whither the regiment had been sent after their return from the Crimea, should propose, one fine day, to a couple of brother officers, by way of killing the time which hung so heavily on their hands, to drive over to the abode of a small horse-dealer in the neighbourhood, with a view to inspecting the contents of his loose boxes?

Whether his brother officers indulged in a deal on their own account we are not in a position to state, but we have the Captain’s own authority for stating that when he started to drive back to barracks he had left behind him a cheque for £150, less a sovereign back for luck, in return for which he found himself the proud possessor of a good-looking young bay horse, to be sent for when “convenient to his honour.”

Leaving the service shortly afterwards, Captain Townley took the bay, now named The Huntsman,

to England with him, and after hunting him for some time, put him into training. He then became the property of Captain Hunt, for whom he won many steeplechases all over the country. Finally, after running second to Anatis in 1860, he was sold to go to France, whence he was sent to take his chance once more in the Grand National, with the result now recorded.



*From the original painting in the
Possession of the Earl of Coventry.* WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1863.
RIDDEN BY GEORGE STEVENS. TRAINED BY F. WEEVER.

F. H. F.

EMBLEM.

1863.

1. Lord Coventry's ch. m. *Emblem*, by Teddington,
aged, 10 st. 10 lb. (including 10 lb. extra)
G. Stevens.
 2. Mr. J. Astley's *Arbury*, a., 11 st. 2 lb.
Mr. Goodman.
 3. Mr. Briscoe's ch. m. *Yaller Gal*, a., 10 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Dixon.
 4. Mr. Holman's ns. gr. g. *Fosco*, a., 9 st. 11 lb.
G. Holman.
 5. Baron de Mesnil's b. m. *Avalanche*, 6 yrs.,
10 st. 9 lb. Palmer.
 6. Mr. Priestley's b. m. *Jealousy*, a., 11 st. 10 lb.
Kendall.
- Mr. F. Rowland's *Medora*, 12 st. ... Owner.
Mr. W. Maney's *Freshman*, 11 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Edwards.
- Capt. Christie's *The Dane*, 11 st. 6 lb.
W. White.
- Mr. W. G. Craven's *Master Bagot*, 10 st. 4 lb.
Knott.

Mr. W. W. Baker's <i>Light of Other Days</i> ,	
10 st. 4 lb.	... ... ... Nightingall.
Mr. W. E. Dakin's <i>Inkerman</i> ,	9 st. 11 lb.
	Mr. Smith.
Mr. J. C. Tilbury's <i>The Orphan</i> ,	9 st. 11 lb.
	Mr. W. Bevill.
Mr. Campbell's ns. <i>Telegraph</i> ,	9 st. 11 lb.
	G. Waddington.
Mr. Spence's <i>Birdbolt</i> ,	9 st. 11 lb. ... Owner.
Mr. T. Hughes's <i>Real Jam</i> ,	9 st. 11 lb.
	D. Hughes.

STARTING PRICES.

3 to 1 agst. Jealousy.	20 to 1 agst. Real Jam.
4 „ 1 „ Emblem.	20 „ 1 „ Yaller Gal.
100 „ 12 „ Medora.	25 „ 1 „ Arbury (at first 16
10 „ 1 „ The Dane.	to 1).
100 „ 8 „ Master Bagot.	33 „ 1 „ Avalanche.
20 „ 1 „ The Light of Other Days.	40 „ 1 „ Fosco.

THE RACE.

Arrived at the post, the lot got away at a quarter to four o'clock, in a cluster, save The Orphan, who started buck jumping, and was left behind, soon catching them up, however, when fairly set going.

Medora was the first to show in advance, being joined directly by the evidently unmanageable

Inkerman, who at the second fence got rid of his jockey, and went on by himself, catching up the leaders at Becher's Brook, which he jumped side by side with The Freshman. Before turning for the canal side, Jealousy dashed to the front and jumped on to the race-course six or eight lengths ahead of Master Bagot, and the loose Inkerman, who then went off in a contrary direction, and vanished into space, being traced later in the evening to a farm-house some miles away.

The gorsed hurdles in front of the water were charged by the horses in a line, all getting over except The Orphan, who apparently never sighting it, fell with Mr. Bevill, being pulled up on regaining her pins. Jealousy was first over the water, followed by Medora, who nearly came on her head, and fell back, her place being taken by Emblem.

At the fence before Becher's, Telegraph came to grief, and had to be destroyed, and here Jealousy began to compound, leaving Yaller Gal in command, the mare jumping the brook two lengths ahead of Arbury, Emblem and the others, retaining this advantage until they reached the race-course.

George Stevens now brought up Emblem, and from that moment the issue was never in doubt,

Lord Coventry's mare coming clean away, apparently without an effort, and cantering in by twenty lengths. Arbury was second, two lengths ahead of Yaller Gal, with Fosco two lengths away fourth.

Time: 11 minutes 20 seconds.

Value of stakes, £855.

On this occasion of the eleven fields comprising the course, nearly all were fallow, wheat and seeds, the race-course and common being almost the only grass; the going, however, was excellent, whilst as for the fences, they had been pruned to such an extent as to be hardly worthy of the name.

A sporting writer of the time describes them in the following scathing terms:—

“A post and rails was put up in front of Becher's and Valentine's Brooks, but all the other fences were mere narrow ditches of the most contemptible description and practicable for a schoolboy of ten years on his twelve hands' pony. The thorn fence at the distance and the water jump were of the ordinary size, and these two were the only jumps, save that at Valentine's Brook, which required any doing.”

Easily as Emblem won, the “good thing” bid fair to have come undone at the very last

moment, for jumping sideways at the last hurdle, the mare stumbled on landing and would probably have fallen outright but for her pilot's quiet handling and firm seat in the saddle.

Emblem, by Teddington—Miss Batty, was bred in Wales by Mr. Holford in 1856. As a three-year-old she ran thirteen times and only won once, viz., the Revival Handicap at Cardiff. After this Lord Coventry bought her, and she was forthwith sent to Tom Golby at Northleach to be educated for steeplechasing, by whom she is described as being one of the finest "natural" jumpers he ever handled, and no trouble at all to deal with in consequence.

EMBLEMATIC.

1864.

1. Lord Coventry's ch. m. *Emblematic*, by Teddington, 6 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb. ... G. Stevens.
2. Mr. J. Astley's *Arbury*, a., 11 st. 12 lb. B. Land.
3. Mr. Dalton's b. g. *Chester*, a., 10 st. W. White.
4. Mr. T. M. Naghten's b. h. *Thomastown* (h.b.) a., 12 st. J. Murphy.
5. Capt. Lamb's *Ocean Witch*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 2 lb.
W. Reeves.
- Mr. Fiddaman's b. h. *Reporter*, 12 st. 2 lb.
Mr. Dixon.
- Mr. T. Iven's *Sir William* (h.b.), 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. Davison.
- Mr. W. Murray's *Jerusalem*, 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. Edwards.
- Count Cossett's *Harry*, 11 st. 10 lb. ... Cassidy.
- Mr. Aspinall's *Bantam*, 11 st. 8 lb. G. Holman.
- Mr. T. Hunt's *Wee Nell*, 11 st. 6 lb. ... Knott.
- Capt. Machell's *Leonidas*, 11 st. 4 lb. (including
6 lb. extra) C. Boyce.
- Mr. T. S. Dawson's *Serious Case*, 11 st. 3 lb.
G. Waddington.



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Worcester. — THE EARL OF COVENTRY.



Mr. De Gray's <i>Romeo</i> , 11 st.	...	F. Martin.
Mr. W. Murray's <i>Little Bab</i> , 11 st....		Pat Igon.
Mr. H. Matthew's <i>Portland</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.		
		Mr. Goodman.
Marquess of Drogheda's <i>Satanella</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.		
		D. Meaney.
Major Wombwell's <i>Bell's Life</i> , 10 st. 12 lb. (including 6 lb. extra)	...	Griffiths.
Mr. B. J. Angell's <i>Ireley</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Mr. Blake.	
Mr. J. Lanigan's <i>National Petition</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.		
		J. Monaghan.
Mr. T. Hughes' <i>Real Jam</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	D. Hughes.	
Mr. Lawrence's <i>Brian Borhoime</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.		
		Poinons.
Mr. T. Wade's <i>Martha</i> , 10 st.	...	J. Land.
Mr. H. Melville's <i>Miss Maria</i> , 10 st.	J. Holman.	
Mr. Spark's <i>Silk and Satin</i> , 10 st. (carried 10 st. 2 lb.)	...	Jarvis.

STARTING PRICES.

9 to 2 agst. Jerusalem.	33 to 1 agst. Thomastown.
5 „ 1 „ Bantam.	33 „ 1 „ Martha.
10 „ 1 „ Emblematic.	33 „ 1 „ Romeo.
11 „ 1 „ Real Jam.	40 „ 1 „ Arbury.
11 „ 1 „ Serious Case.	40 „ 1 „ Ireley.
12 „ 1 „ Portland.	40 „ 1 „ Chester.
12 „ 1 „ Wee Nell.	50 „ 1 „ Reporter.
20 „ 1 „ Ocean Witch.	50 „ 1 „ Harry.
30 „ 1 „ Bell's Life.	

THE RACE.

In brilliant sunshine the flag fell to a splendid start, Wee Nell showing the way to the first post and rails, where she was passed by Ireley, who led over the succeeding ditch and bank, at which Jerusalem and Satanella never rose an inch and came down heavily.

The disorder caused by this disaster was repeated at the double rails next on the way, several falls and refusals taking place, with the result that quite 200 yards separated the first and last horses. Meanwhile, Ireley led, jumping both Becher's Brook and Valentine's fully eight lengths ahead of Bell's Life and Thomastown. At the second fence, after leaving the canal side, Portland came down and refused to get up.

Ireley now slackened speed, and Real Jam dashing to the front when the race-course was reached, jumped the water in front of the stand in splendid fashion a length ahead of Arbury and Emblematic, the latter stumbling on landing, whilst Martha, Romeo, and Harry fell, the latter turning a complete somersault. A quarter of a mile behind everything came Jerusalem, Mr. Edwards soon afterwards pulling him up. Ireley now resumed the

lead to the bank jump, where he was passed by Arbury, Emblematic improving her position at the same time, and being actually fourth at Becher's Brook, those in her wake at all in the race being Brian Borhoime, Bantam, and Leonidas, of whom the former died away to nothing almost immediately, winding up with a fall when but a mile from home. Bantam and Leonidas were the next to crack, their example being soon followed by Thomastown and Chester. The race was now confined entirely to Arbury and Emblematic, the pair racing side by side right up to the last hurdle, after which Lord Coventry's mare drew right away and won with ridiculous ease by three lengths.

Nearly a distance away, Cluster was third, two lengths in front of Thomastown.

Time : 11 minutes 50 seconds.

Value of stakes £1,035.

Though Emblematic was well backed all through the piece down to 8 to 1, it is questionable if she would have carried the public money she did could her supporters at a distance have seen her beforehand. Those indeed, who now beheld her for the first time, as, with George Stevens in the saddle, she made her appearance on the course, utterly

declined to believe that such a weedy little mare, long in the leg and with no quarters, could possibly win a long and tiring race like the Grand National. Events proved however that it was quite another case of "Handsome is that handsome does," for long before reaching the straight it was plain that out of the twenty-five runners, the despised Emblematic and that good horse, Arbury, were the only two left in the race.



From the original painting in the
possession of Mr. J. W. Wilson. WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1865,
RIDDEN BY CAPTAIN H. COVENTRY, GRENADIER GUARDS,
ALCIBIADE.

ALCIBIADE.

1865.

- Mr. B. J. Angell's *Alcibiade*, by The Cossack,
5 yrs., 11 st. 4 lb. ... Captain Coventry.
Captain Brown's *Hall Court*, 6 yrs., 11 st.
Captain Tempest.
Lord Coventry's *Emblematic*, a., 11 st. 10 lb.
G. Stevens.
Mr. F. Jacobs' *Mistake*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb. Jarvis.
Captain Tempest's *Merrimac*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.
B. Land.
Lord Coventry's *Emblem*, a., 12 st. 4 lb. W. Walters.
Mr. Powell's *Flyfisher*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 12 lb.
Mr. J. R. Riddell.
Mr. Hidson's *Joe Maley*, a., 11 st. 10 lb. D. Page.
Captain Machell's *Acrobat*, a., 11 st. 9 lb.
W. Mumford.
Mr. Harvey's *Meanwood*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 9 lb. Knott.
Count A. de Dampierre's *Arbury*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.
C. Boyce.
Mr. D. Collins' *Express*, a., 11 st. 6 lb. ... Owner.
Mr. A. W. Clayton's *Lightheart*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
J. Monahan.

Mr. H. Melville's <i>Princess Dagmar</i> , a., 10 st.	12 lb.	
		G. Holman.
Mr. Turner's <i>Philosopher</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st.	8 lb.	
		E. Jones.
Mr. Harvey's <i>Stanton</i> , a., 10 st.	8 lb.	
		G. Waddington.
Captain J. White's <i>Tumbler</i> , a., 10 st.	6 lb.	
		Mr. Drake.
Colonel Forster's <i>Tony Lumpkin</i> , a., 10 st.	4 lb.	
		Mr. Thomas.
Mr. J. A. Read's <i>Ballycasey</i> , a., 11 st.	T. Barton.	
Mr. W. H. Whyte's <i>Freshman</i> , a., 10 st.	10 lb.	
		D. Meaney.
Mr. Goodliffe's <i>The Czar</i> , a., 10 st.	Mr. Goodman.	
Lord Sefton's <i>Market Gardener</i> , a., 10 st.		
		Mr. T. Spence.
Mr. Studd's <i>The Dwarf</i> , a., 10 st.	... ...	Igoe.

NOTE.—Lord Coventry declared to win with
Emblematic.

BETTING.

5 to 1 agst. Emblematic.	20 to 1 agst. Lightheart.
100 „ 12 „ Joe Maley.	20 „ 1 „ The Czar.
9 „ 1 „ Stanton.	25 „ 1 „ The Dwarf.
100 „ 8 „ Princess Dagmar.	33 „ 1 „ Merrimac.
100 „ 8 „ Emblem.	40 „ 1 „ Freshman.
100 „ 8 „ Arbury.	50 „ 1 „ Hall Court.
100 „ 7 „ Tony Lumpkin.	50 „ 1 „ Meanwood.
100 „ 7 „ Alcibiade.	50 „ 1 „ Acrobat.

THE RACE.

There was a slight sprinkling of snow when the horses appeared on the course to take their preliminary canter, otherwise there was nothing to complain of as regards the weather. Arrived at the post, the start was delayed for some little while by the vagaries of Acrobat, who first of all bolted, and when brought back, Captain Machell's horse stuck his toes out and resolutely refused to move, being eventually taken back to his stable. When at last Mr. McGeorge got them away, Meanwood, who had poached some lengths, proceeded to make the running at a cracking pace.

Market Gardener and Tumbler refused the first fence. The rest, in the centre of whom were Alcibiade, Hall Court, and Tony Lumpkin, went on to Becher's Brook, which they all negotiated in safety. From this point, at least a quarter of a mile divided the first and last horses. Before reaching the race-course, Meanwood came back to his field, Arbury taking up the running in his place. Approaching the water, the latter was joined by Joe Maley, the pair clearing it together, Merrimac, Emblem, and Flyfisher heading the others, and Tumbler and The Dwarf tailed off last.

Soon after this, Meanwood, by this time completely pumped out by his exertions, was pulled up, as were Tony Lumpkin and Princess Dagmar from the same cause.

At Becher's Brook the trouble began in earnest.



MR. B. J. ANGELL.

First Ballycasey fell, and Stanton, being interfered with in consequence, lost so much ground that he was pulled up. Finally Arbury, who was pulling double at the time and looked all over like winning, overjumped himself and came down a burster, Emblematic (who Lord Coventry declared to win with) being also out of it here.

Merrimac now took up the running twenty lengths in front of Hall Court, well up with whom were The Czar, Flyfisher, and Alcibiade, the only others near being Emblem, Mistake, Philosopher, and Lightheart. The Czar, compounding at Valentine's

Brook, Hall Court put on the steam, and Merrimac being done for at the lane, Alcibiade was left solely in attendance on Hall Court, full of go, and all over a winner. He jumped the last hurdle half a length ahead of Alcibiade, and Captain Coventry taking up his whip, the struggle then began in earnest ; the roar that went up from the crowd when at the half distance Mr. Angell's horse, responding gamely to the guardsman's vigorous call, was seen to draw level, and finally, when within some half a dozen strides from the winning chair, get his head in front, being something to remember.

Fifty yards away, Emblematic, coming through several eased horses, was third. Mistake cantered in fourth, Merrimac fifth, Flyfisher making up the half dozen who actually passed the post.

Time : 11 minutes 16 seconds.

Alcibiade's victory, besides being sensational, was certainly a remarkable one, for not only did he carry 11 st. 5 lb. as a five-year-old, but until this occasion, he had never previously run in a steeplechase.

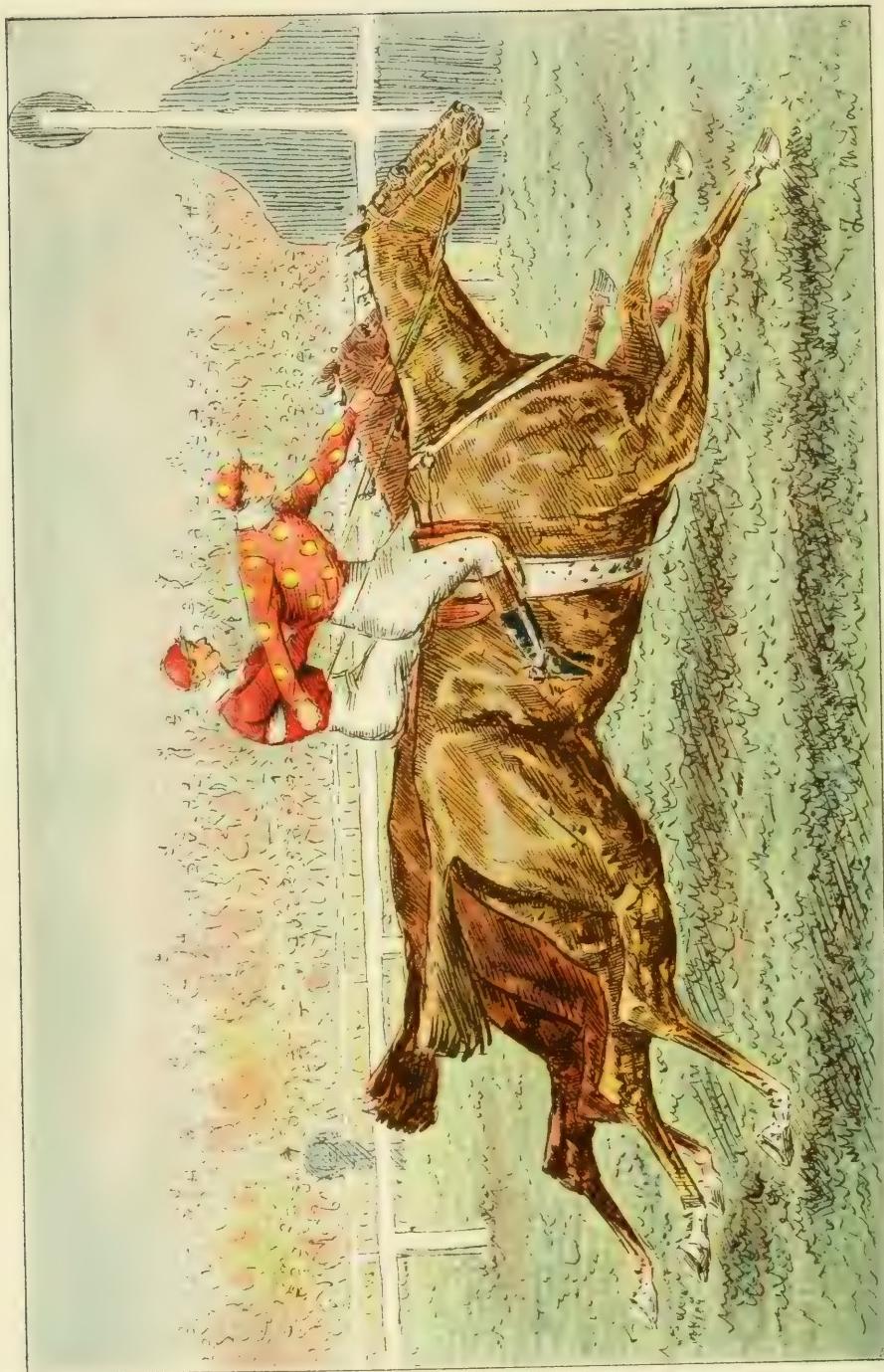
By Cossack—Aunt Phyllis, he was bred in France by Count Lagrange. Sent over to this country, he was claimed after winning a selling race at Epsom in 1863, being then three years old.

After that he became the property of Major Wombwell, in whose colours he ran second to the Prophet in a race at Aldershot, and when in receipt of nearly two stone beat General Hesse for the Brighton Club stakes at the Club meeting.

Finally, Mr. B. J. Angell, popularly known as "Cherry" Angell, bought him from the Major for 400 sovs., and forthwith sent him to Lubenham to be schooled for steeplechasing, with a view to the Grand National.

With Bridegroom, who had not only won the National Hunt Steeplechase of 1860 (the first that ever took place) but had run fifth, fourth and second in three consecutive Grand Nationals, to tell them the time of day—"and he never told us a lie yet," drily observed his old associate, Mr. Burton, when relating the story of the trial—no wonder that the race we have just described was regarded by his owner and all connected with him as little short of a certainty for Alcibiade, and backed accordingly.

That Alcibiade was lucky to win there can be no question, for though the finish he rode was a masterpiece of pluck and determination, it was generally agreed by those who knew the horse best, and were consequently aware of his grand staying qualities, that Captain Coventry lay far too



1865.

Alcibiade v. Hall Court.

much out of his ground in the race, which must have had a very different result had Captain Tempest, unfortunately weakened by illness, been able to do justice to Hall Court.

A most formidable rival was removed when Arbury fell at Becher's Brook the second time round, whilst there were many to declare, as there usually are on these occasions, that had the mighty L'Africaine not been prevented at the last moment from starting, owing to an accident (he was cast in his box *en route* to Hednesford, and much cut about), the result would have been different.

Unless the general public are well on the winner, it is never what you may call a popular victory, and so it was in this case. They were prejudiced against Alcibiade, on account of his age, his weight, and his inexperience ; whilst they ridiculed the idea that a swell in the Guards, who, according to their ideas would naturally get himself fit for the ordeal on brandies and sodas and big cigars, could hope for success in such a long and arduous ride as the Grand National.

SALAMANDER.

1866.

- Mr. Studd's *Salamander*, by Fire-eater, aged,
10 st. 7 lb. Mr. A. Goodman.
Lord Poulett's *Cortolvin*, a., 11 st. 6 lb. J. Page.
Mr. Welfitt's *Creole*, a., 10 st. 10 lb.
G. Waddington.
Mr. A. W. Clayton's *Lightheart*, a., 11 st. 5 lb.
E. Jones.
Captain Shaw's *Merrimac*, a., 10 st. 7 lb.
Captain Tempest.
Mr. Mytton's *The Doctor*, 5 yrs., 10 st. G. Stevens.
Mr. Cockburn's ns. *Frank*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.
Mr. Lawrence.
Mr. W. R. H. Powell's *L'Africaine*, a., 13 st. 2 lb.
G. Holman.
Count Furstenberg's *Effenburg*, a., 12 st. 8 lb.
R. Twiddy.
Mr. B. J. Angell's *Alcibiade*, 6 yrs., 12 st. 2 lb.
B. Land, jun.
Captain Browne's *Hall Court*, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
W. Reeves.

*From a picture in the possession
of Mrs. Studt.*



WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1866.
SALAMANDER.

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| Lord Poulett's <i>Reporter</i> , a., 11 st. | 4 lb. | R. French. |
| Mr. J. Stevenson's <i>Glencavin</i> , a., 11 st. | 4 lb. | J. Jewitt. |
| Mr. T. N. Naughten's <i>Thomastown</i> , a., 11 st. | 4 lb. | Murphy. |
| Mons. E. Bourgnet's <i>Laura</i> , 5 yrs., 11 st. | | H. Lamplugh. |
| Mr. Brayley's <i>Ibex</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. | 12 lb. | C. Boyce. |
| Mr. J. Coupland's <i>Stanton</i> , a., 10 st. | 12 lb. | Welsh. |
| Mr. T. Parr's <i>G. by Turner</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. | 10 lb. | Reeves. |
| Baron von Grootven's <i>Mistake</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. | 9 lb. | Knott. |
| Mr. T. Jones' <i>Sir William</i> , a., 10 st. | 7 lb. | Ellison. |
| Mr. Spark's <i>Stella</i> , a., 10 st. | 7 lb.... | ... Jarvis. |
| Mr. W. Murray's <i>Philosopher</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. | 7 lb. | Wheeler. |
| Mr. Oliver's <i>Garotter</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. | 7 lb. | G. Ryan. |
| Lord Poulett's <i>Ace of Hearts</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. | 2 lb. | Mr. Edwards. |
| Mr. W. Robinson's <i>King of Hearts</i> , a., 10 st. | 2 lb. | A. Sadler. |
| Mr. W. McGrane's <i>Milltown</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. | 2 lb. | |
| (carried 10 st. 4 lb.) | ... | Mr. Thomas. |
| Mr. F. Hughes' <i>Real Jam</i> , a., 10 st. | | D. Hughes. |

Mr. Barber's *Cutler*, a., 10 st. ... Thorpe.

Colonel Forester's *West End*, a., 10 st. 5 lb.

W. White.

Mr. Reginald Herbert's *Columbia*, 10 st. 10 lb.

W. Reeves.

BETTING.

7 to 1 agst. Laura.	25 to 1 agst. Mistake.
8 „ 1 „ Cortolvin.	25 „ 1 „ Merrimac.
9 „ 1 „ Alcibiade.	30 „ 1 „ Hall Court.
12 „ 1 „ Real Jam.	30 „ 1 „ King of Hearts.
100 „ 7 „ L'Africaine.	40 „ 1 „ Salamander.
15 „ 1 „ Creole.	1000 „ 15 „ Columbia.
20 „ 1 „ Doctor.	50 „ 1 „ any other.
25 „ 1 „ Ibex.	

THE RACE.

After two false starts the large field, with the exception of Sir William, who was left at the post and took no part in the race, were despatched on their journey, Ace of Hearts cutting out the work at a great pace to the first fence, where Ibex fell into the ditch, remaining there until after the race, when he was lugged out by main force, considerably damaged.

At the next obstacle Ace of Hearts whipped round and, blundering into the dyke, threw out two-thirds of his followers, the principal sufferer being L'Africaine, who was knocked bodily into the ditch by something taking him broadside.

Creole then led to the third obstacle, where King of Hearts, Philosopher, and Stella fell. At Becher's Brook Stanton came down, whilst at the fence beyond Valentine's, Hall Court kneed the rails and rolled into the next field, being jumped on by Garotter immediately behind, who also fell. Landing on to the race-course, Creole, still leading, was joined on the whip hand by the riderless Hall Court and Philosopher. By way of ridding himself of such undesirable companions, George Waddington tried to bore them on to the rails, but the dodge did not answer, the pair sticking to him like leeches ; not only the gorsed hurdles, but the water beyond being jumped by the three abreast amidst shouts of applause from the onlookers.

Laura was the next to come to grief, Ben Land and Alcibiade dissolving partnership at Becher's



MR. A. GOODMAN.

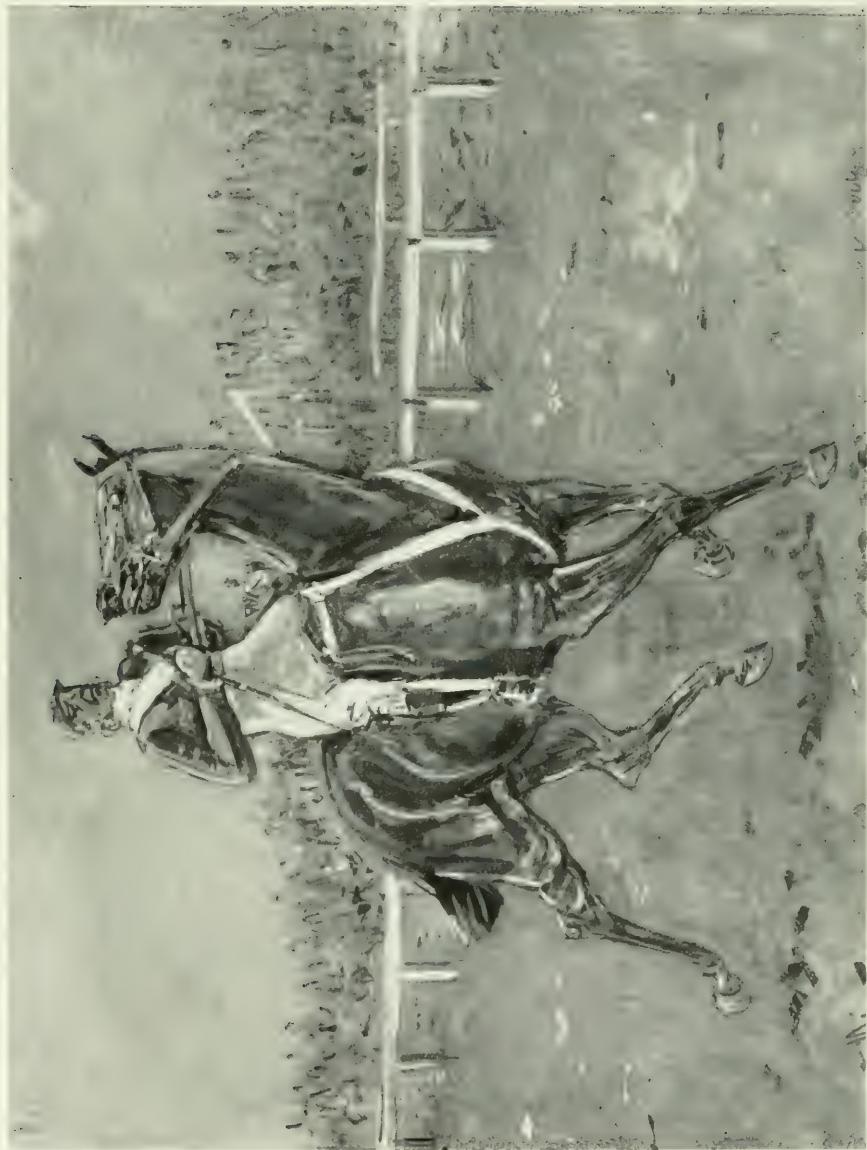
Brook, whilst Thomastown, who was going very well at the time, fell at Valentine's. Nearing the race-course, Mr. Goodman brought Salamander to the front for the first time, and from that moment the race was "all over but shouting," as the saying is. Mr. Studd's horse winning, pulling up, by ten lengths, Cortolvin, who had overhauled Creole at the final hurdle, beating the latter by four lengths for second place, whilst Lightheart, who came with a rare rattle at the finish, was fourth, six lengths in front of Merrimac.

Time : 11 minutes 5 seconds.

A great crowd gathered together to witness the Grand National won by Salamander, it being estimated that there were no fewer than 30,000 people present.

Just as the course was being cleared for the event of the day, a heavy snow-storm came on, but luckily it did not last, though a little kept falling during the race.

Amongst the large field of thirty horses who assembled at the post were L'Africaine, the supposed finest steeplechase horse in existence ; Alcibiade, winner the previous year, and his old opponent, Hall Court ; the diminutive Philosopher, and the club-



SALAMANDER PULLING UP IN FRONT OF THE STANDS,

*From a sketch from memory
by Finch Mason.*

footed Doctor, who was destined to make a name for himself later on.

Hall Court, by the way, must have been very partial to the game, for after rising riderless from his fall in the first round, he completed the course with the others, and what is more, was the first to pass the post, a victory which, unfortunately for his owner, did not count. So many years had passed since he had figured at Aintree, that race-goers might well be excused for not recognising in the grey-whiskered veteran who appeared on the course mounted on Salamander, Mr. Alec Goodman, who had steered Miss Mowbray to victory fourteen years before, and one of the hardest and best riders both to hounds and between the flags who ever got into a saddle. As for Salamander, except that he was a good looking horse, no one knew anything about him, and apparently cared less.

It was said at the time that Mr. Goodman had never seen the horse, let alone been on his back, until they met on the course, and that in consequence his own modest investment on his mount was a solitary "tenner."

Whether or no this really was the case we are not in a position to say, but this we can vouch for, that when Mr. Goodman pulled up opposite the stands,

his face certainly did not wear the happy expression one would naturally expect to see under the circumstances.

Mr. Studd, the owner, a rich indigo planter from India, and Harry Ulph, who worked the commission, were reported to have won an enormous stake on the result, and apparently with very little outlay if the price the horse was allowed to start at was any criterion.

That Salamander was a real good horse there can be little doubt, and it is a pity that the fatal accident at Crewkerne a short time afterwards when, with Mr. Goodman again in the saddle, he fell and broke his back, should have stopped what looked like a promising career. Mr. Studd, in after years, owned more than one prominent favourite for the Grand National, and he was on two occasions very near the mark with Shangarry and Despatch, who were third and second respectively in 1867 and 1871.

CORTOLVIN.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1867.

*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. J. Fogg.*



CORTOLVIN.

1867.

1. Duke of Hamilton's br. g. *Cortolvin*, by Chicken
or Cheerful Horn, aged, 11 st. 13 lb. J. Page.
2. Mr. Barber's b. m. *Fan*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 3 lb.
Thorpe.
3. Mr. Studd's br. h. *Shangarry* (h.b.), a., 10 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Thomas.
4. Mr. T. V. Morgan's b. g. *Globule*, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
G. Holman.
Baron Finot's *Astrolabe*, 12 st. 7 lb. Cassidy.
Capt. Brown's *Hall Court*, 12 st. 3 lb. Owner.
Mr. J. Dally's *Banker*, 11 st. 10 lb. T. Abbott.
Mr. J. Doyle's *Thomastown*, 11 st. 3 lb. Murphy.
Mr. Carew's *Shakspere*, 11 st. 1 lb.
Mr. Goodman.
- Mr. A. W. Clayton's *Lightheart*, 11 st. 1 lb.
E. Jones.
- Mr. T. Jackson's *Revolver*, 11 st. 1 lb. Igoe.
- Mr. W. Smith's *Miller*, 11 st. 1 lb. (carried
11 st. 4 lb.) Mr. Lawrence.
- Mr. C. Fermin's *Marengo*, 11 st. 1 lb. Owner.

Mr. Vallender's <i>Little Frank</i> , 10 st. 13 lb.	Knott.
Mr. P. Herbert's <i>Whitehall</i> , 10 st. 13 lb.	Mr. Milward.
Capt. Parkinson's <i>Plinlimmon</i> , 10 st. 13 lb.	J. Holman.
Mr. E. Brayley's <i>Sea King</i> , 10 st. 11 lb.	G. Barry.
Lord Coventry's <i>Tennyson</i> (h.b.), 10 st. 10 lb.	G. Stevens.
Mr. S. J. Welfitt's <i>Silver Star</i> , 10 st. 9 lb.	G. Waddington.
Capt. Brabazon's <i>King Arthur</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	Capt. Harford.
Mr. J. Wood's <i>Havelock</i> (late Claxton), 10 st. 3 lb.	Jarvis
Mr. Schwartz's <i>Little Wideawake</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	J. Rickaby.
Lord Poulett's <i>Genievre</i> , 10 st. 3 lb. (carried 10 st. 5 lb.)	... ... ... Mr. Edwards.

STARTING PRICES.

5 to 1 agst. King Arthur.	25 to 1 agst. Silver Star.
7 " 1 " Shakspere.	25 " 1 " Thomastown.
8 " 1 " Fan.	25 " 1 " Little Frank.
12 " 1 " Sea King.	30 " 1 " Wideawake.
100 " 8 " Globule.	40 " 1 " Whitehall.
100 " 7 " Shangarry.	40 " 1 " Lightheart.
100 " 6 " Cortolvin.	50 " 1 " Hall Court.
20 " 1 " Astrolabe.	50 " 1 " Tennyson.
20 " 1 " Genievre.	

THE RACE.

The flag fell at 3.23, Thomastown, who had poached a bit at the start, going away with the lead, but was passed before he had gone far by Cortolvin, King Arthur, Plinlimmon, Sea King and Shakspere, After jumping the first hedge and ditch, King Arthur was seen two or three lengths in advance, but he refused at the next fence and Cortolvin taking his place, led over Becher's Brook followed by Sea King, Globule and Plinlimmon, Whitehall being knocked over just previously. At the turn for the canal Havelock came to grief, and brought down Little Frank and Astrolabe, interfering besides with Marengo, Fan, and others, of whom Little Wide-awake became the leader across the obstacle, though not for long, for Hall Court charging into him, they both rolled over together, whilst half-way down the meadows, the field became still smaller by Thomastown dropping out. Two fences from the race-course, Globule, who was pulling his jockey out of the saddle, took up the running, holding the same right to the water in front of the stand, which he cleared immediately in advance of Sea King, King Arthur, Revolver and Genievre.

Shortly after entering the country the second time, King Arthur beat a retreat, and Sea King took his place closely followed by Shangarry, Cortolvin and Genievre.

After crossing Becher's Brook, Holman took a pull at Globule, and Cortolvin once more assumed the lead.

Except for a collision between Globule and Lightheart, by which the latter lost a lot of ground, there was no alteration until the horses were well into the straight for home, when Fan passed Globule.

Mr. Barber's mare, however, could make no impression upon Cortolvin, who shaking her off with ease, went on and won in a canter by five lengths. Four lengths away Shangarry was third, beating Globule by a neck, Lightheart fifth, Revolver sixth, Shakspere seventh, Tennyson eighth and Silver Star ninth.

Time : 10 minutes 42 seconds.

Net value of the stakes £1,660.

The result of the race this year was somewhat of a surprise, Cortolvin, who had been purchased a year previously by Lord Poulett, in whose colours he had been the reverse of successful, being generally

regarded as a soft-hearted horse, the length of whose tether was three miles and no further.

The fences this year were very much smaller than usual, and this, besides suiting the winner, probably accounted for the few casualties during the race. This proceeding called forth the indignation of a well-known writer in the sporting press, who, whilst lamenting the fact that "Becher's Brook is a brook no longer, Valentine's Brook has disappeared, the water jump in front of the stand is destitute of sensation, and all the fences are of a most easy description," pleads hard for "something that would put an effectual stopper on some of our cast offs from the flat."

Not the least interesting feature of the race was the wonderful performance of Globule, who, a mere bit of a pony, with the substantial burden of 11 st. 7 lb. on his back, was not only bang in front all the way, but was only beaten a neck for third place.

Needless to say the victory of the French grey and cerise jacket was a very popular one, and both Duke "Rufus" (who threw in for £11,000, so it was said) and Johnnie Page were warmly congratulated after the race.

THE LAMB.

1868.

1. Lord Poulett's gr. h.	<i>The Lamb</i> , by Zouave.						
6 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.	...	...	Mr. Edwards.				
2. Mr. E. Brayley's b. g.	<i>Pearl Diver</i> , a., 10 st.						
12 lb.	...	...	Tomlinson.				
3. Mr. B. J. Angell's ch. h.	<i>Alcibiade</i> , a., 11 st.						
10 lb.	...	...	Col. Knox.				
4. Mr. R. Herbert's b. g.	<i>Capt. Crosstree</i> , a., 10 st.						
5 lb.	...	...	W. Reeves.				
5. Mr. E. Bournet's ch. m.	<i>Astrolabe</i> , a., 12 st.						
			A. French.				
6. Mr. Barber's b. m.	<i>Helen</i> , a., 10 st. (carried 10 st.						
1 lb.)	...	...	Mr. Goodman.				
Count Karolyi's <i>Buszke</i> ,	12 st.	Count Szapary.					
Lord Coventry's <i>Chimney Sweep</i> ,	12 st.	J. Adams.					
Mr. W. R. H. Powell's <i>Daisy</i> ,	11 st. 7 lb.						
		Mr. Thomas.					
Mr. E. Green's <i>The Nun</i> ,	11 st. 6 lb. (including						
10 lb. extra)	Wheeler.				
Capt. J. M. Browne's <i>Hall Court</i> ,	11 st. 4 lb.						
		B. Land.					



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WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1865 AND 1871.

Duke of Hamilton's *Garus*, 10 st. 12 lb. J. Page.

Mr. W. Forbes' *Kingswood*, 10 st. 12 lb. Gilroy.

Mr. T. V. Morgan's *Huntsman's Daughter*, a.,
10 st. 12 lb. G. Holman.

Mr. R. Walker's *The Plover*, 10 st. 10 lb.

The Owner.

Mr. E. Brayley's *Moose*, 10 st. 7 lb. W. White.

Mr. Barber's *Fan*, 10 st. 6 lb. Thorpe.

Mr. W. Forbes' *Mentmore*, 10 st. 4 lb. (carried
10 st. 6 lb.)... Hyland.

Mr. J. Willing's *Charming Woman*, 10 st.

Terratta, jun.

Mr. G. H. Moore's *Slieve Carne*, 10 st.

Mr. Pritchard.

Lord Stamford's *Thalassius*, 10 st. Mr. Crawshaw.

Mr. Brayley declared to win with Moose and

Mr. Barber with Helen.

STARTING PRICES.

7 to 1 agst.	Chimney Sweep.	100 to 6 agst.	Alcibiade.
8 „ 1 „	Moose.	25 „ 1 „	Astrolabe.
9 „ 1 „	Pearl Diver.	33 „ 1 „	Garus.
10 „ 1 „	The Lamb.	33 „ 1 „	Captain Crosstree.
10 „ 1 „	Fan.	40 „ 1 „	Thalassius.
10 „ 1 „	Helen.	40 „ 1 „	Buszke.
11 „ 1 „	Daisy.	50 „ 1 „	Slieve Carne.
100 „ 6 „	The Nun.	50 „ 1 „	Hall Court.
100 „ 6 „	Huntsman's Daughter.		

THE RACE.

At five minutes past three the flag fell to a good start, which was unfortunately attended by a deplorable accident : Chimney Sweep, the favourite, when galloping across the road separating the course from the country, hitting one of the large boulder stones placed at the side to protect it, with such force as to smash the pastern joint of his near fore-foot, making his immediate destruction imperative.

Slieve Carne refused at the ditch and rails, Captain Crosstree taking up the running, The Lamb and Daisy heading the rest.

At Becher's Brook Thalassius, Mentmore and Kingswood came to grief, whilst Garus refused.

Captain Crosstree increased his lead until entering the course, when he fell back, Pearl Diver jumping the water in front of the stand a little in front of The Lamb, Captain Crosstree and Alcibiade, The Nun stumbling, sending Wheeler flying over her head, and going on riderless.

Going into the country a second time Captain Crosstree once more took up the running, Daisy, on whom the severity of the pace had begun to tell, retiring when the plough was reached, Astrolabe,

Moose, Buszke, Huntsman's Daughter, Helen and Hall Court also giving up for the same reason.

Alcibiade now wres'd the lead from Mr. Herbert's horse, holding it for a couple of fields, when he too retired, and Captain Crosstree whipping round at the last fence but one, only The Lamb and Pearl Diver were left to fight out the battle, a ding-dong struggle all the way up the straight ending in favour of Lord Poulett's gallant little grey by two lengths, Alcibiade, on whom Colonel Knox probably rode the best race of his life, being third, two lengths off, and three in front of Captain Crosstree.

The time this year does not seem to have been recorded.

The Grand National of this year was a memorable one if only on account of the desperate race home between The Lamb and Pearl Diver. Very few jockeys, if any, could give weight away to Mr. Edwards, and it was agreed on all sides that the accomplished horseman in question had never been seen to better advantage than on this occasion.

Bearing in mind, too, the frightful accident he met with in the Croydon Hurdle Race only a short time previously, when he was brought back to the weighing room so smothered in blood as to be

hardly recognisable, no one could help but admire his pluck in reappearing in the saddle so soon afterwards.

A feature of the race was Fan's determined refusal at the second fence, and as Mr. Barber's mare went through the identical performance at the very same place the following year, the obstacle in question was forthwith christened *Fan's Fence*, by which name it has been known ever since.

Just before the next race an animated scene occurred, the wind, which was very high at the time, blowing down a gambling tent in which were assembled some of the *élite* of the visitors, the attendants and police having all their work cut out to settle with the crowd of roughs who at once collected like a swarm of bees.

It may be mentioned that in order to settle once and for all the long-vexed question as to the exact distance over which the Grand National was run, Mr. Topham had it properly measured beforehand, with the result that it was found to be exactly thirty yards short of four and a-half miles.

THE COLONEL.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1869.

*From the original painting in the
possession of Mr. George Stevens.*



THE COLONEL.

1869.

1. Mr. Weyman's br. h. *The Colonel*, by Knight of Kars—Boadicea (h.b.), 6 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
G. Stevens.
2. Captain Brown's b. g. *Hall Court*, a., 10 st. 12 lb.
Captain Tempest.
3. Captain Machell's br. g. *Gardener*, a., 10 st. 7 lb.
Ryan.
4. Mr. B. J. Angell's ch. h. *Alcibiade*, a., 11 st. 2 lb.
Colonel Knox.
- Mr. E. Brayley's *Pearl Diver*, 12 st. 7 lb.
W. Reeves.
- Mr. E. Green's *The Nun* (h.b.), 11 st. 9 lb.
Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. E. Brayley's *Fortunatus*, 11 st. 4 lb.
J. Page.
- Mr. T. Wadlow's *Orme*, 11 st. 2 lb. W. White.
- Mr. Doncaster's *The Robber*, 11 st. 2 lb.
Mr. P. Merton.

Mr. J. Wood's <i>Havelock</i> , 11 st.	... Wheeler.
Mr. T. V. Morgan's <i>Globule</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.	G. Holman.
Mr. Eaton's <i>Harcourt</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Captain Harford.
Mr. S. J. Welfitt's <i>Barbarian</i> , 10 st. 10 lb. (including 10 lb. extra) ...	G. Waddington.
Mr. Lynton's <i>Q.C.</i> , 10 st. 9 lb.	... Griffiths.
Mr. Studd's <i>Despatch</i> (h.b.), 10 st. 8 lb.	Mr. Edwards.
Mr. T. V. Morgan's <i>Huntsman's Daughter</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	J. Holman.
Mr. J. Barber's <i>Fan</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	... Thorpe.
Mr. T. Golby's <i>Knave of Trumps</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	Mr. Martin.
Mr. F. G. Hobson's <i>Bishopston</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.	Potter.
Mr. Dixon's <i>Guy of Warwick</i> , 10 st.	Mr. Crawshaw.
Mr. Yates's <i>Plum Cake</i> , 10 st. ...	Mr. Spofford.
Mr. Foulkes's <i>Dick Turpin</i> , 10 st. ...	J. Knott.

NOTE.—Mr. Brayley declared to win with Fortunatus, and Mr. Morgan with Globule.

STARTING PRICES.

100 to 30 agst.	Fortunatus.	33 to 1 agst.	Havelock.
5 "	I " Despatch.	40 "	I " Harcourt.
11 "	2 " Fan.	40 "	I " Huntsman's
13 "	I " The Colonel.		Daughter.
14 "	I " Pearl Diver.	40 "	I " Dick Turpin.
20 "	I " Alcibiade.	50 "	I " Orme.
20 "	I " Knave of Trumps.	66 "	I " Hall Court.
20 "	I " Q.C.	66 "	I " Gardener.
25 "	I " The Nun.	100 "	I " Plum Cake.
25 "	I " Globule.	100 "	I " The Robber.

PLACE BETTING.

6 to 4 on	Fortunatus.	5 to 1 agst.	Q.C.
7 "	4 agst.	Despatch.	6 " I " The Nun.
2 "	I " Alcibiade.	6 " I "	Globule.
2 "	I " Fan.	10 " I "	Hall Court.
3 "	I " The Colonel.	10 " I "	Dick Turpin.
4 "	I " Pearl Diver.	20 " I "	Gardener.
4 "	I " Guy of Warwick.		

THE RACE.

After three false starts the flag fell at 3.38, little Globule bounding off in front like a stag, and George Stevens on The Colonel bringing up the rear according to custom.

Accidents commenced early, for at the first fence Fan first refused, and then, jumping sideways, came into collision with Bishopston, both falling and bringing down Orme and Knave of Trumps, who

were just behind. The pair last-named were remounted, but Fan galloped away riderless and Bishopston lay sprawling in the ditch.

At the next fence Guy of Warwick refused and Dick Turpin fell heavily, whilst at Becher's Brook, a little further on, Plum Cake and Knave of Trumps fell and took no further part in the race. The "table jump," again, near the canal bridge, proved fatal to Pearl Diver, who turned a complete somersault.

Just before reaching the race-course Globule, who had been in front ever since Becher's, was headed by Gardener, who took up the running to the water, when he was once more headed by Mr. T. V. Morgan's good little horse, or rather pony, who jumped it slightly in advance of the others.

Soon after entering the country for the second time The Colonel, who had up till now been content with a back seat, began to draw up to the leaders, and from that moment the aspect of the race was completely altered. Three-quarters of a mile from home Fortunatus was in trouble, his place being taken by the Cheltenham horse, who now kept with the leaders the rest of the journey, until the last hurdle was reached, when drawing right away he won in a canter by three lengths. Hall Court was

second, a length in front of Gardener, who won the same distance ahead of Alcibiade. Q.C. was fifth, Despatch sixth, Globule seventh, The Robber eighth, and Harcourt last.

Time: 11 minutes.

Value of stakes, £1,760.

THE COLONEL.

1870.

1. Mr. M. Evans' br. h. *The Colonel*, by Knight of Kars—Boadicea (h.b.), aged, 11 st. 12 lb.
G. Stevens.
2. Mr. V. St. John's br. g. *The Doctor*, by The Cure —Margaret of Anjou, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
G. Holman.
3. Mr. W. R. Brockton's ch. m. *Primrose*, by Bonny Fido—Rosebud, 6 yrs., 10 st. 12 lb.
Owner.
4. Mr. J. Nightingall's b. g. *Survey*, a., 10 st. 4 lb.
R. I'Anson.
- Mr. E. Brayley's *Pearl Diver*, 12 st. 7 lb.
J. Page.
- Mr. E. Brayley's *Moose*, 11 st. 7 lb. A. French.
- Mr. B. J. Angell's *Alcibiade*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Captain Harford.
- Captain J. M. Browne's *Hall Court*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. Thomas.

Mr. S. J. Welfitt's <i>Tathwell</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.	G. Waddington.
Mr. T. Wilkinson's <i>Scarrington</i> (h.b.), 10 st. 12 lb.	R. Wheeler.
Captain Machell's <i>Gardener</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.	Ryan.
Mr. G. Nelson's <i>Keystone</i> (h.b.), 10 st. 12 lb.	Mr. R. Walker.
Mr. Yardley's <i>Middleton</i> , 10 st. 12 lb.	Mr. T. Kirk.
Mr. May's <i>Q.C.</i> , 10 st. 10 lb. ...	Mr. A. Yates.
Mr. R. Hennessy's <i>Pretentaine II.</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Mumford.
Mr. E. Weever's <i>Guy of Warwick</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Mr. Edwards.
Mr. Rose's <i>The Elk</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. ...	B. Land.
Baron Finot's <i>Cenna</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. ...	Count.
Duke of Hamilton's <i>Cristal</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	Mr. Crawshaw.
Lord Eglinton's <i>Traveller</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.	Napier.
Mr. E. Brayley's <i>Casse Tête</i> , 10 st. ...	J. Rudd.
Mr. Lawrence's <i>Fan</i> , 10 st. ...	H. Taylor.
Captain Tempest's <i>Karslake</i> (h.b.), 10 st.	Owner.

Mr. Brayley declared to win with Pearl Diver.

STARTING PRICES.

4 to 1 agst.	The Colonel.	33 to 1 agst.	Alcibiade.
5 „ 1 „	The Doctor.	33 „ 1 „	Cenna.
10 „ 1 „	Primrose.	40 „ 1 „	Hall Court.
100 „ 7 „	Q.C.	50 „ 1 „	Karslake.
100 „ 6 „	Pearl Diver.	66 „ 1 „	Fan.
100 „ 6 „	Guy of Warwick.	66 „ 1 „	The Elk.
20 „ 1 „	Survey.	1000 „ 5 „	Keystone.
20 „ 1 „	Tathwell.	1000 „ 5 „	Middleton.
20 „ 1 „	Cristal.	1000 „ 5 „	Scarrington.
20 „ 1 „	Gardener.		

THE RACE.

The flag fell at five minutes past three to a capital start, Gardener and Primrose being seen in advance directly the line was broken. All cleared the first fence successfully but Traveller, who fell and took no further part in the race, whilst at the third obstacle Fan refused and was forthwith walked back to the paddock.

Meanwhile The Elk, passing Primrose, took up the running at a great pace, being four lengths ahead of everything at Becher's Brook, and quite twelve when Valentine's was reached.

Getting on to the race-course The Elk was temporarily headed by Guy of Warwick, but the latter making a blunder at the fence before the water, they again changed places, and The Elk led over the

water, followed by Primrose, Gardener, Karslake and Pretentaine II. in a body.

The Elk had now shot his bolt, and Karslake taking up the running led over Becher's Brook, being passed directly afterwards by Survey, Cristal, and Primrose. Cristal, however, soon dropped off, and Survey and Primrose alternately led over the plough, the former jumping Valentine's in advance.

Approaching the race-course the Colonel improved his position, whilst Survey and Primrose, who cleared the table jump together, raced side by side to the five furlong post.

Q.C. and Keystone now gave way, and Pearl Diver took third place, Survey being about half a length ahead of Primrose.

At the last hurdles but one Survey was beaten, and Page now called on the top weight, but Pearl Diver hadn't an effort in him. Primrose, closely followed by The Doctor, was now in advance, but before reaching the last flight of hurdles George Stevens brought up The Colonel alongside of the mare, the pair running at the obstacle together, just in front of The Doctor. Primrose being done with, a tremendous race now ensued between the two Cheltenham horses, The Colonel eventually winning by a neck.

Three lengths away Primrose was third, Survey fourth, Keystone fifth, Gardener sixth, Q.C. seventh, and Alcibiade eighth.

Time : 10 minutes 10 seconds.

Value of the stakes, £1,465.

A finer finish for a steeplechase than that between The Colonel and The Doctor was probably never witnessed. Unfortunately the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took a different view of the case to that of the spectators, and a summons against George Holman, the rider of The Doctor, for excessive whipping and spurring, was the result.

A feature of the race was the number of horses who kept on their legs as compared with former years, Traveller being the only one to fall, with the result that the unusual sight was witnessed of seventeen horses galloping round the last bend for home.

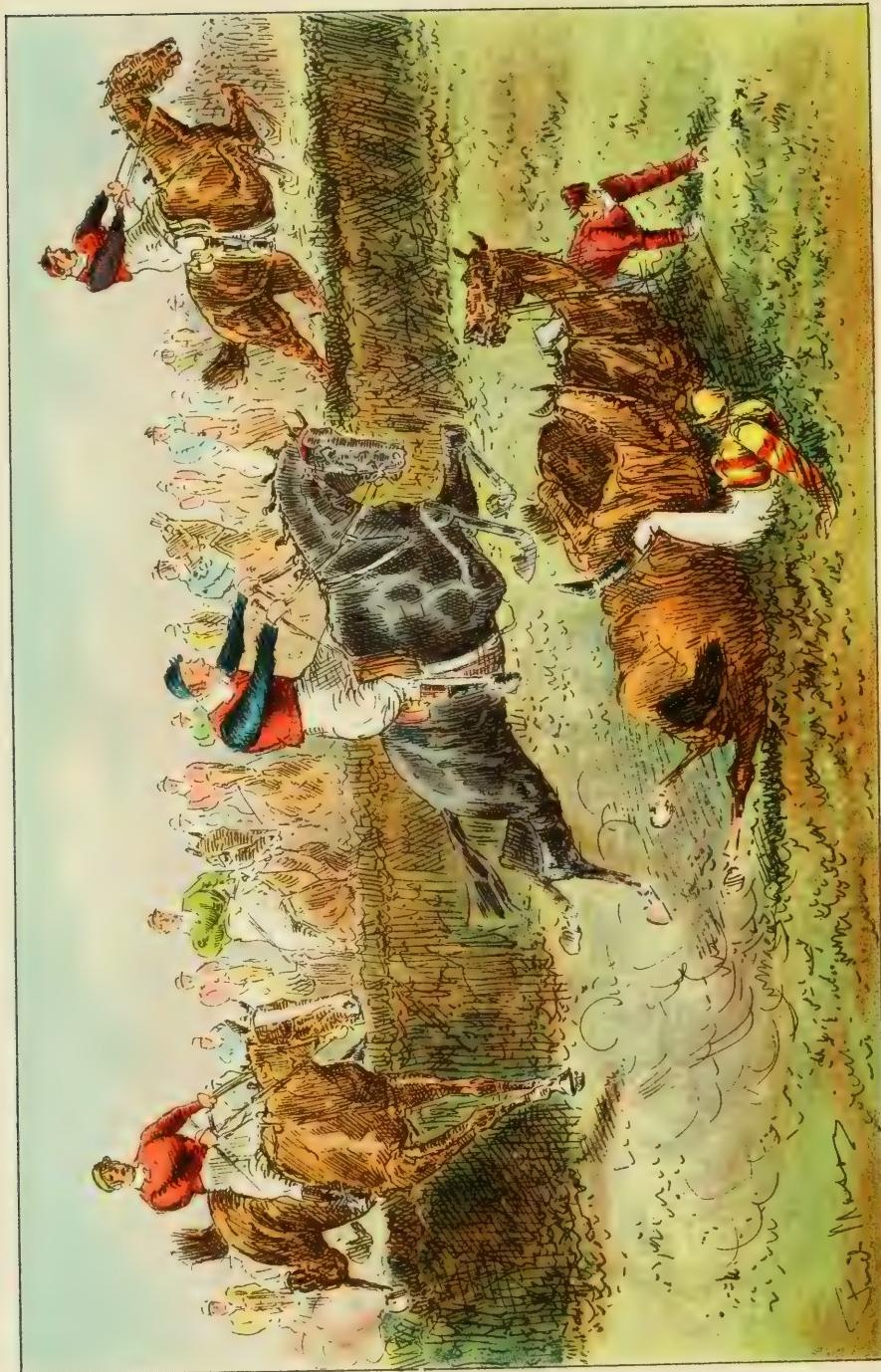
The Colonel, who was a seven-year-old horse by Knight of Kars--Boadicea, was bred by Mr. John Weyman of Ludlow, and trained over a very primitive course with plenty of big jumping on it, by a farmer named Roberts, his riders being mostly ploughboys. Shortly after his victory, he was sold to Baron

Oppenheim for £2,600, and sent to Berlin. Doing no good in Germany, however, he was sent back to Bishop's Castle near Ludlow, and trained for the Grand National of 1871, in which he ran fourth, carrying 12 st. 8 lb., after which he was again sent to Berlin, and it was said, though how far true we know not, that he eventually became the property of the King of Prussia, afterwards Emperor of Germany, who frequently rode him as a charger.

The riding career of George Stevens (who had now ridden the winner of the Grand National five times, viz., Freetrader in 1856, Emblem and Emblematic in 1863 and 1864, and The Colonel in 1869 and 1870) extended from 1854 to 1871 inclusive, and during that time he accounted for seventy-six races ; he also won some races in France.

Having had the good luck to emerge scatheless from the many dangers inseparable from the career of a steeplechase jockey, it was indeed the irony of fate that this famous horseman should have met his death at last by being thrown from a cob. Jogging quietly home on the afternoon of June 1st, 1871, up Cleeve Hill, near Cheltenham, on the top of which he had built a cottage for himself named after Emblem, a gust of wind blew off his hat. A boy picked it up, and was in the act of handing it to

him, when the cob suddenly becoming restive, bolted down the hill, and in turning a sharp corner not far from Lord Ellenborough's entrance gate fell, throwing his rider with great force against a stone rolled over a drain. On being picked up it was found his skull was fractured, and never regaining consciousness, poor George Stevens expired on the following day, to the regret not only of those who knew him personally, but the general public, with whom he had always been a great favourite.



1871.

The Lamb and the Fallen Horses.

THE LAMB.

1871.

Lord Poulett's g. h. *The Lamb*, by Zouave—dam by
Arthur (h.b.), aged, 11 st. 4 lb. Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Studd's *Despatch* (h.b.), a., 10 st.

G. Waddington.

Mr. J. Wilkinson's *Scarrington* (h.b.), a., 11 st. 4 lb.
Cranshaw.

Baron C. Oppenheim's *The Colonel* (h.b.), a.,
12 st. 8 lb. G. Stevens.

Duke of Hamilton's *The Doctor*, a., 11 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Crawshaw.

Mr. J. N. Leighton's *Snowstorm*, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. R. Walker.

Mr. E. Brayley's *Pearl Diver*, a., 11 st. 5 lb.
J. Page.

Mr. J. F. Montgomery's *Rufus*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.
Ryan.

Duke of Hamilton's *Souvenance*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb.
Rickaby.

Captain W. H. Cooper's <i>Tusculanum</i> , a., 11 st.	Captain Smith.
Mr. Gardener's <i>Philosopher</i> , a., 10 st. 12 lb.	H. Ellison.
Captain Ainstie's <i>Wild Fox</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 12 lb.	Murphy.
Mr. O. Perry's <i>Lord Raglan</i> , a., 10 st. 10 lb.	Daniels.
Mr. W. Bingham's <i>Purlbrook</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.	Marsh.
Captain Machell's <i>Magnum Bonum</i> , a., 10 st. 10 lb.	Mr. J. M. Richardson.
Lord Eglinton's <i>Scaltheen</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.	G. Grey.
Mr. E. Brayley's <i>Casse Tête</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.	J. Rudd.
Captain Haworth's <i>Lady Geraldine</i> , 5 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb. Cunningham.	
Mr. Etcher's <i>Cecil</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb.	R. I'Anson.
Major Browne's <i>Scots Grey</i> , a., 10 st. 5 lb.	Welsh.
Lord Anglesey's <i>St. Valentine</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.	J. Adams.
Lord Anglesey's <i>Bogue Homa</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.	Tomlinson.
Mr. B. J. Angell's <i>Alcibiade</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb.	Walters.

Captain Pigott's *Inon*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.

Captain Harford.

Mr. Mannington's *Dog Fox*, a., 10 st. ... J. Potter.

NOTE.—Lord Anglesey declared to win with St. Valentine and Mr. E. Brayley with Pearl Diver.

BETTING AT THE START.

4 to 1 agst.	Pearl Diver.	50 to 1 agst.	Tusculanum.
5 „ 1 „	The Lamb.	50 „ 1 „	Magnum Bonum.
8 „ 1 „	The Colonel.	50 „ 1 „	Bogue Homa.
10 „ 1 „	The Doctor.	60 „ 1 „	Scarrington.
10 „ 1 „	Despatch.	60 „ 1 „	Lord Raglan.
10 „ 1 „	Cecil.	60 „ 1 „	Lady Geraldine.
25 „ 1 „	Souvenance.	60 „ 1 „	Casse Tête.
25 „ 1 „	Purlbrook.	60 „ 1 „	Inon.
25 „ 1 „	Dog Fox.	100 „ 1 „	Philosopher.
40 „ 1 „	Snowstorm.	100 „ 1 „	Alcibiade.
40 „ 1 „	St. Valentine.		

THE RACE.

Mr. Lawley getting them off at the first attempt, Despatch went away with the lead, but being quickly pulled back gave way to Rufus, Lord Raglan and The Colonel bringing up the rear.

At the second fence St. Valentine fell and The Doctor refused, but Mr. Crawshaw got him over immediately and went on in pursuit.

Rufus was first over Becher's Brook and so on to Valentine's, before reaching which Scots Grey swerving against the blinkered Cecil, knocked him over, and at the same time so interfered with The Doctor that the Duke of Hamilton's horse took no further part in the race. Mishaps did not end here, for Lord Raglan, at the table jump, putting his foot into a grip, smashed his near fore-leg, and of course had to be destroyed.

Approaching the water in front of the stand, Rufus was still leading, and he and Souvenance cleared it together, the others following in a cluster.

When they reached the plough, The Lamb suddenly dropped back, and Mr. Thomas, whose orders were always to keep in front, had to ride him so vigorously that for the moment he despaired of victory; directly they got on the turf again, however, the sturdy little son of Zouave recovered himself and was quickly in his old place again.

Philosopher, falling at the last fence, The Lamb and Despatch landed on the race-course together, and passing the now pumped-out Rufus, went on ahead of Pearl Diver, Scarrington and Tusculanum, and here the story ends, for The Lamb, clearing the final hurdle in his stride, in splendid style, went on and won, amidst a whirlwind of cheering, by two



THE SIXTH EARL POULETT

*By kind permission
of Countess Poulett.*

lengths. Despatch was second, three lengths ahead of Scarrington, a neck behind whom was the heavily backed Pearl Diver, whilst Tusculanum and The Colonel were respectively fifth and sixth.

Time : 9 minutes 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds.

A more perfect Spring morning can hardly be imagined than that which ushered in The Lamb's dual victory in the Grand National, and a larger concourse of spectators than usual, if that were possible, was the natural result.

Appropriately enough the first of the competitors to put in an appearance was the hero of the day, who, having been put to rights in the centre of the course, was being led about by young Ben Land, with a small boy on his back "to keep the saddle warm for Mr. Thomas," as someone facetiously remarked. And full of confidence that gentleman looked, as accompanied by Lord Poulett and Tom Townely, he walked leisurely across from the enclosure to where the sturdy little grey stood waiting for him to mount.

The appearance shortly afterwards, of the gallant old Colonel, looking his best and bravest, with the veteran George Stevens on his back, was the signal for a spontaneous burst of cheering all along the

line, which was as good to listen to at the time as it is to remember now.

(Hawkes and such like vermin were kept under in those days, and Birds of Freedom had a better chance in consequence than they have in these degenerate times.)

The Lamb's performance, considering his size and weight, was a remarkable one, not the least meritorious part of it being the manner in which he jumped over some fallen horses who were right in his track when landing over one of the fences, "hopping over them like a cat," as Mr. Thomas graphically expressed it.

"The natural instinct of any horse," he continued, "would impel him to do the same thing, but *none so cleverly as The Lamb!*" whilst "The finest fencer I ever was on in my life" is the veteran rider's tribute to the jumping capabilities of this veritable "Multum in parvo."

The scene of wild enthusiasm as the gallant grey and his jockey, wedged in as they were by the mob, made their way to the weighing room, simply beggars description. Suffice it to say that on arrival there The Lamb found himself minus a considerable portion of his tail, and Lord Poulett his gold watch, as souvenirs of the occasion.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Dreamers as a rule fare so indifferently when putting the results of their visions to the test, that they may well take heart o' grace from the following letter written by Lord Poulett to Mr. Thomas, rather more than three months prior to the race. Needless to say, the missive in question is much prized by its possessor, in whose famous scrap book you may be sure it occupies a prominent place.

“ Army and Navy Club,

“ London, S.W.

“ Thursday night,

“ My Dear Tommy,—

“ Dec. 15th, 1870.

“ Let me know for certain whether you can ride for me at Liverpool on The Lamb. I dreamt twice last night I saw the race run. The first dream he was last and finished amongst the carriages. The second dream, I should *think an hour afterwards*, I saw the Liverpool run. He won by four lengths, and you rode him, and I stood close to the winning post at the turn. I saw the cerise and blue sleeves, and you, as plain as I write this. Now let me know as soon as you can, and say nothing to any one.

“ Yours sincerely,

“ POULETT.”

The Lamb was foaled in 1862 and was bred by a farmer named Henchy in the county of Limerick. He was by Zouave out of a mare by Arthur, Zouave being bred by Mr. Courtenay, the owner of Matthew, the first Irish horse to win the Liverpool.

The Lamb was so christened early in life, the story going that one of Henchy's sons, who was very delicate, took a great liking to the foal, who was so very gentle that they gave him the name of The Lamb.

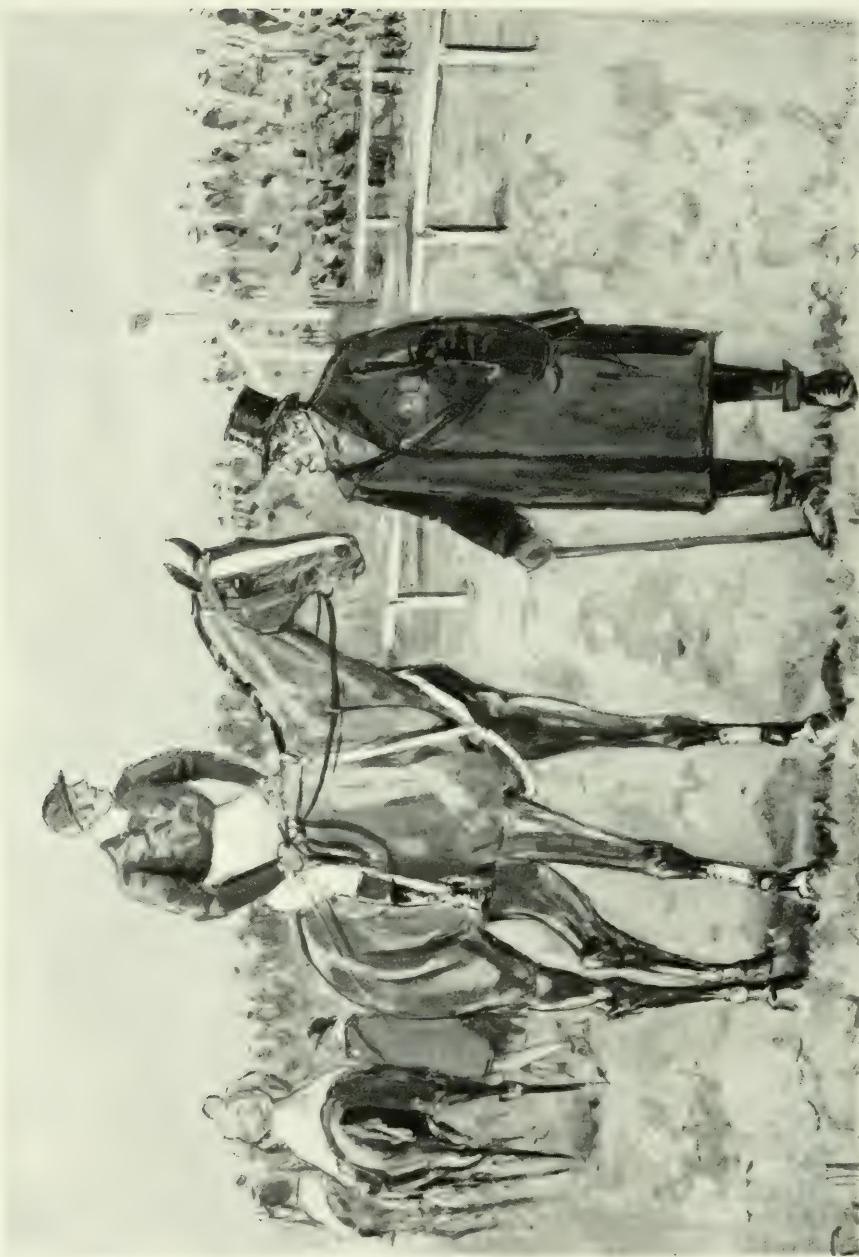
THE GRAND NATIONAL.

As a three-year-old he was sold for 30 sovs., but as he kept on winning a number of small races, it was soon discovered how good he was. For all this, however, his size was considered against him, and for a long while no one would buy him, Mr. Studd amongst others declining him, remarking that he was not strong enough to carry a man's boots. It was not until 1868, by which time he had come into the possession of Mr. W. Long for it was said 300 sovs., that he had a chance of showing what he was made of, by winning the Kildare Hunt Plate at Punchestown from fourteen others in that gentleman's colours.

After that Lord Poulett leased him for his "racing" career, and he carried his cerise and blue sleeves for the first time at Aintree in the Grand National of 1868, which race he won. In December of the following year he ran his memorable race at Kingsbury with the Nun, when, carrying 12 st. 3 lb., he was beaten by a short head. Owing to some mistake he was entered under a wrong age for the Liverpool of 1869, and the day after The Colonel won he ran fourth for the Sefton Steeplechase, the distance evidently not being far enough for him.

In 1872 The Lamb was fourth for the Grand National, carrying 12 st. 7 lb., and soon afterwards, Lord Poulett's lease having expired, he was sold to Baron Oppenheim for 1200 sovs.

The end of The Lamb was sad in the extreme, for whilst running in the Grand Steeplechase at Baden-Baden in the September of 1872, the gallant little grey broke his leg and of course had to be destroyed. A wonderfully compact horse, at four years old The Lamb stood 15 hands high, but afterwards putting on another two inches, his exact measurement when he ran in the Liverpool was 15 hands 2 inches.



From a sketch by Finch Mason.

CASSE-TÈTE AND HER OWNER.
1872.

CASSE TÊTE.

1872.

1. Mr. E. Brayley's ch. m. *Casse Tête*, by Trumpeter
—Constance, by Spirus, aged, 10 st. J. Page.
2. Mr. T. Wilkinson's br. g. *Scarrington* (h.b.), by
Martext, a., 11 st. 2 lb. ... R. I'Anson.
3. Mr. E. Studd's br. g. *Despatch* (h.b.), by Dough,
a., 10 st. 4 lb. ... G. Waddington.
4. Baron Oppenheim's gr. h. *The Lamb* (h.b.), by
Zouave, a., 12 st. 7 lb. ... Mr. Thomas.
Mr. A. Yates' *Harvester*, 12 st. ... Owner.
Baron Finot's *Marin*, 11 st. 10 lb. ... Cassidy.
Mr. W. R. Brockton's *Primrose*, 11 st. 9 lb. Owner.
Mr. Chaplin's *Snowstorm*, 11 st. 9 lb. (including
7 lb. extra) Thorpe.
Lord Eglinton's *Schiedam*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Mr. J. M. Richardson.
Capt. Montgomery's *Rufus*, 11 st. 4 lb. Patter.
Mr. Doncaster's *Nuage*, 11 st. 2 lb. Harding.
Mr. Chaplin's *Rhyshworth*, 10 st. 12 lb. Boxall.
Mr. J. Goodliffe's *Master Mowbray*, 10 st. 12 lb.
G. Holman.
Major Browne's *Scots Grey*, 10 st. 11 lb. (in-
cluding 7 lb. extra) ... Mr. G. Moore.

Duke of Hamilton's *Fleuriste*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Rickaby.

Lord Aylesford's *Franc Luron*, 10 st. 7 lb.

J. Cannon.

Lord Anglesey's *Cinderella*, 10 st. 7 lb. J. Adams.

Mr. Finchley's *Acton*, 10 st. 7 lb. ... J. Rudd.

Mr. W. Murray's *Philosopher*, 10 st. 6 lb. Gray.

Baron Oppenheim's *Royal Irish Fusilier*, 10 st. 6 lb. T. Andrews.

Lord Eglinton's *Scaltheen*, 10 st. 4 lb. J. Murphy.

Mr. H. Ellison's *Saucebox*, late *Threatener*, 10 st. 4 lb. Whiteley.

Lord Conyngham's *Derby Day*, 10 st. Marsh.

Mr. P. Merton's *Ouragan II.*, 10 st. A. Holman.

Capt. Browne's *Hall Court*, 10 st. Mr. Brown.

Mr. Chaplin declared to win with Rhyshworth.

STARTING PRICES.

4 to 1 agst.	Despatch.	25 to 1 agst.	Master Mowbray.
100 „ 15 „	Nuage.	33 „ 1 „	Scots Grey.
100 „ 15 „	Cinderella.	40 „ 1 „	Fleuriste.
10 „ 1 „	Schiedam.	50 „ 1 „	Acton.
100 „ 8 „	The Lamb.	50 „ 1 „	Snowstom.
100 „ 6 „	Primrose.	50 „ 1 „	Derby Day.
100 „ 6 „	Franc Luron.	66 „ 1 „	Saucebox.
20 „ 1 „	Casse Tête.	100 „ 1 „	Royal Irish Fusilier.
25 „ 1 „	Harvester.	100 „ 1 „	Philosopher.
25 „ 1 „	Marin.	100 „ 1 „	Hall Court.
25 „ 1 „	Rufus.		

THE RACE.

Mr. McGeorge got them away at the first attempt, Despatch being the first to break the line, a place he held until the first fence after the lane, when he was passed by Royal Irish Fusilier. After clearing Becher's Brook the field tailed considerably, quite three hundred yards separating the first and last horses.

At the next fence Derby Day fell and Nuage, overjumping himself, was placed *hors de combat*. Along the canal side Primrose and Rufus joined the leaders, and improving their position on getting on to the race-course, were first over the water. At the second fence Primrose came down heavily, and her back being broken either by the fall or by being jumped on by Schiedam, she had to be destroyed, Mr. Brockton being much hurt at the same time. Marin and Philosopher also fell, and The Lamb probably would have followed suit, but for the clever way he jumped over the prostrate horses. In the meantime both Rufus and Royal Irish Fusilier were done with, whilst Rhyshworth fell at Becher's Brook, and Cinderella two fences afterwards, Acton and Franc Luron also coming to grief in a collision. After passing through the ploughed fields, Scots Grey led to the

jump by the canal bridge, when he gave way to The Lamb, Casse Tête, Scarrington, and Despatch, to whom the issue seemed now confined.

Once on the race-course, Scarrington ran up to Scots Grey, Scaltheen dropping back, these being joined at the bend by Casse Tête, Despatch, and The Lamb. At the last hurdles but one, Casse Tête and The Lamb headed Scarrington and Scots Grey, and for the moment it looked as if the little grey would win at the third time of asking, but it was not to be, and Casse Tête, drawing away, went on and won by six lengths from Scarrington, who had headed The Lamb outside the distance. Despatch was third, The Lamb fourth, Fleuriste fifth, Master Mowbray sixth, and Ouragan II. seventh.

Time : 10 minutes 14½ seconds.

Under all the circumstances Mr. Brayley's washed out chestnut may be considered as being extremely lucky to win, for not only did Harvester look to have the race at his mercy until he broke down when landing over the last fence but one in the second round, but Scarrington twisting a shoe, and cutting his foot badly, made a very material difference, Mr. J. M. Richardson, who rode Schiedam, being

strongly of opinion that but for this mishap to Mr. Wilkinson's horse, he must have beaten the winner.

Harvester's mishap, just when victory seemed assured, was naturally a great blow to that popular



*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. Yates.*

MR. A. YATES ON HARVESTER.

horseman, Mr. Arthur Yates, and he may well describe it as "the greatest disappointment I ever had at racing."

The cause was this: it being very hard going, Mr. Yates, in order to prevent his slipping, ran Harvester in shoes with studs in them, and in over-

jumping, the horse caught his hind foot in the heel of his off fore foot, tearing it right off.

The horse originally belonged to the late Duke of Newcastle in whose colours he ran in the Derby ; whilst just previously to this he had carried Arthur Yates to victory in the Croydon Steeplechase.

Casse Tête, a varminty looking, washed out chestnut mare, was bought originally by his owner out of a selling race for £210.

Mr. Brayley, familiarly known to his friends as “Old Boots,” was a great man in theatrical circles (he was said at one period of his career to have travelled with a “Punch and Judy” show), and as a consequence there was not an actor in London who hadn’t a spangle or two on Casse Tête, the largest winner of them all being the late Mr. J. L. Toole, who was a great personal friend of the owner.



*From the original picture in the
possession of Mr. J. M. Richardson.*
DISTURBANCE.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1873.

DISTURBANCE.

1873.

Captain Machell's b. h. *Disturbance*, by Commotion

—Polly Peachum, 6 yrs., 11 st. 11 lb.

Mr. J. M. Richardson.

Mr. H. Chaplin's *Rhyshworth*, a., 11 st. 8 lb. Boxall.

Mr. W. H. P. Jenkins' *Columbine*, a., 10 st. 9 lb.

Harding.

Mr. J. H. Maxwell's *Revirescat*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.

(including 9 lb. extra) Mr. W. H. Johnstone.

Mr. Moreton's *Footman*, 6 yrs., 11 st. 5 lb.

R. Marsh.

Mr. Sankey's *Red Nob*, a., 11 st. 8 lb.

Mr. J. Goodwin.

Mr. E. Brayley's *Casse Tête*, a., 11 st. 8 lb. J. Page.

Captain F. J. Montgomery's *Curragh Ranger*, a.,

11 st. 3 lb. Ryan.

Mr. Jones' *Acton*, a., 11 st. 1 lb. ... R. I'Anson.

Mr. W. Burton's *Lingerer*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb.

Mr. Mumford.

Lord Aylesford's *Reugny*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb.

J. Cannon.

Marquis of Queensberry's *True Blue*, a., 10 st. 13 lb.
Owner.

Colonel Byrne's *Loustic*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Bembridge.

Lord Anglesey's *Cinderella*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb.
J. Adams.

Mr. W. Wilson's *Ismael*, a., 10 st. 13 lb. Daniels.

Mr. Lynton's *Crawler*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. A. Yates.

Mr. H. Wilson's *Congress*, a., 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.

Mr. G. Etches' *Cecil*, a., 10 st. 9 lb. ... Wyatt.

Mr. Horwood's *Charlie*, a., 10 st. 9 lb. ... Gregory.

Mr. G. Dalglish's *Solicitor*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb. Owner.

Mr. J. Goodliffe's *Master Mowbray*, a., 10 st. 7 lb.
G. Holman.

Mr. Vyner's *Star and Garter*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
Captain Smith.

Mr. H. Ellison's *Huntsman*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
Owner.

Lord Stamford's *New York*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb.
W. Reeves.

Lord Poulett's *Broadlea*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.
Mr. Thomas.

Mr. W. H. Powell's *Sarchedon*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 3 lb.
Pope.

Mr. Studd's *Alice Lee*, a., 10 st. 3 lb. Waddington.
Captain M'Almont's *Richard I.*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 3 lb.

BETTING.

100 to 15 agst.	Footman.	25 to 1 agst.	Curragh Ranger.
8 „ 1 „	Rhyshworth.	25 „ 1 „	Sarchedon.
100 „ 12 „	Cinderella.	30 „ 1 „	Acton.
10 „ 1 „	Cecil.	33 „ 1 „	Loustic.
10 „ 1 „	Casse Tête.	33 „ 1 „	Red Nob.
12 „ 1 „	Master Mowbray.	33 „ 1 „	Reugny.
12 „ 1 „	Broadlea.	40 „ 1 „	Richard I.
14 „ 1 „	Alice Lee.	50 „ 1 „	others.
20 „ 1 „	Disturbance.		

THE RACE.

At the third attempt the flag fell to an excellent start, Rhyshworth bring conspicuous in the van. At the second fence Casse Tête refused, and her bridle nearly coming off, she was pulled up.

At Becher's Brook Rhyshworth cannoned against Cecil, who fell, whilst Ismael refused, carrying out Huntsman. New York then took up the running to Valentine's, and continued at the head of affairs until nearing the fence preceding the water, when Solicitor coming with a rush was first over, Rhyshworth, who was close up, swerving and evidently

trying to refuse. Congreve and Solicitor then showed the way over the water, which was cleared by the lot in splendid style, the last over being True Blue, a long way behind the rest. At the second fence into the country the over-trained Footman fell



MR. J. M. RICHARDSON.

from sheer exhaustion, bringing down Lingerer and New York, True Blue, who was suffering from the same complaint, also coming to grief.

Nothing else occurred until the fence beyond Valentine's was reached, when Broadlea fell, com-

pletely pumped out, bringing down Solicitor and Red Nob. Columbine was now leading and landed first on to the race-course, followed by Rhyshworth, the rapidly compounding Alice Lee and Disturbance.

Round the bend they came, and as Rhyshworth, full of running, was seen to pass Alice Lee, with apparently the race in hand, a deafening shout went up in anticipation of the victory of the all rose. Even the imperturbable Mr. Richardson, who having trained both horses at different times, knew as much about one as he did the other, trembled for his solitary bet of a thousand to ten. It was not until, rising together at the last hurdle so close as actually to touch each other, he saw Rhyshworth's ears go back flat on to his poll that he felt assured of the result.

Suffice it to say that Rhyshworth, finding himself fairly collared, declined to try another yard, in spite of the vigorous call of his jockey, and shutting up at every stride, allowed the game little Disturbance, who had popped over the last hurdle as if it were the first fence of the day instead of the last, to canter in the winner by six lengths. Ten lengths off Columbine was third, with Master Mowbray a bad fourth.

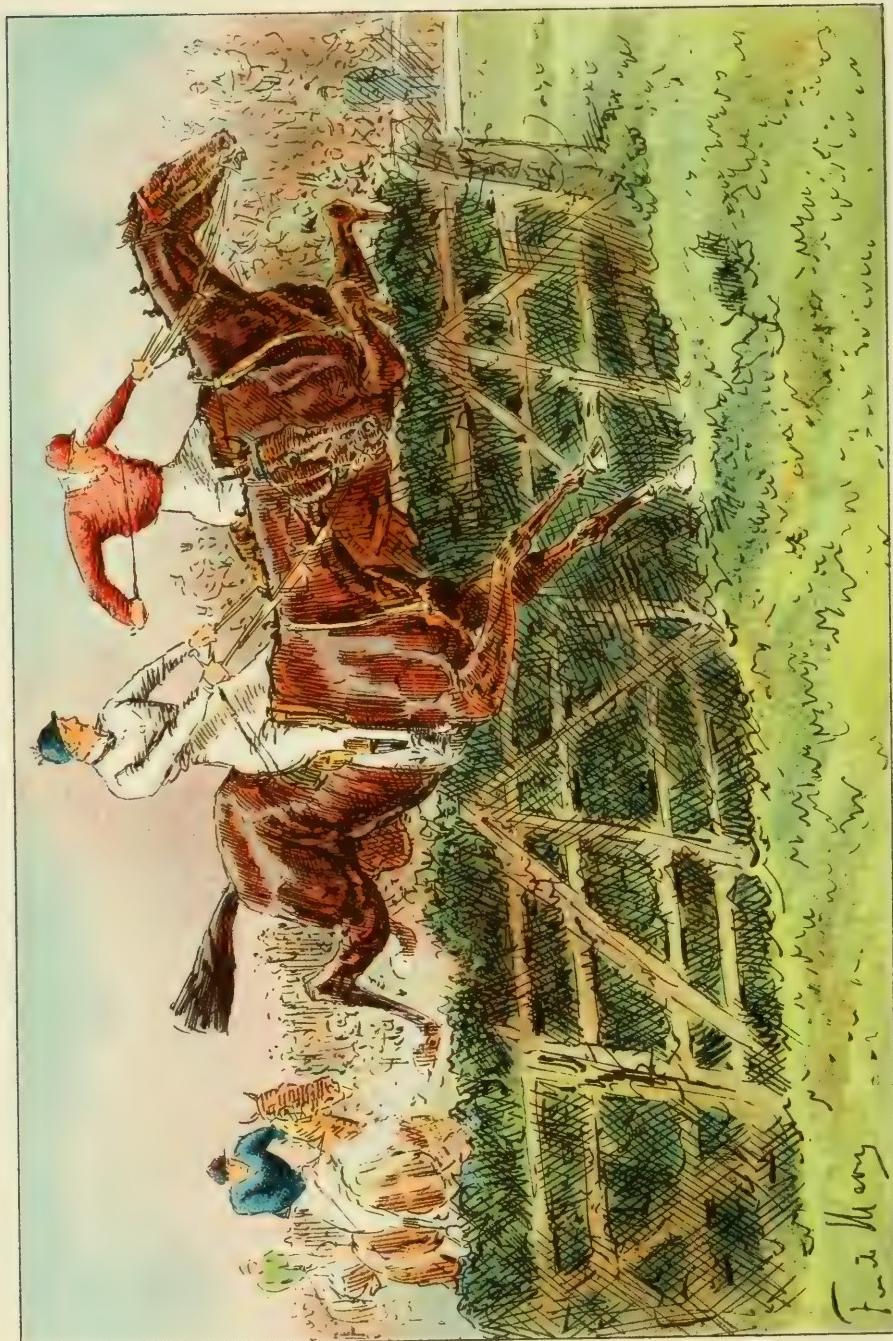
Time: An error having arisen in stopping the watch, Benson's time cannot be quoted. All the

jockeys agreed, however, that it was a very fast-run race.

A summer-like day, a record attendance, a field of horses considerably above the average, and a most interesting race. Such, we fancy, was the verdict arrived at by one and all who were lucky enough to witness the **Grand National** of 1873.

Footman, belonging to Lord Penrhyn, and ridden by Richard Marsh, now trainer to His Majesty, was nominally favourite at 100 to 15, but there was probably as much money for Rhyshworth as anything, it being well known that Mr. Chaplin had backed his horse to win a fortune. The blinkered Cecil, a Cesarewitch winner, too, was the special fancy of a very shrewd division. Then again, why shouldn't Broadlea, a neat little grey, half brother to The Lamb and the mount of Mr. Thomas, reported to have done the distance in less time than his famous relative, do the trick for Lord Poulett?

When it came to Disturbance the wise men shook their sagacious heads. Whilst having every faith in his jockey, they could not bring themselves to believe that a little bit of a horse like the son of Commotion could possibly win a race like the Grand National with 11 st. 11 lb. on his back. When a little later on



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Disturbance Wins!

they saw the despised one collar the great leathering Rhyshworth at the last hurdle, and jumping like a deer, apparently as fresh as when he started, come right away to win as he pleased, they might well rub their eyes with astonishment and curse their stupidity for not assessing at its true value the Croydon victory in the previous December.

It was an anxious moment for Mr. Richardson when he landed on the race-course for the final tussle, with Rhyshworth going like great guns ahead of him, for previous to the rupture between Mr. Chaplin and Captain Machell, the horse in question had been sent to him at Limber Magna for a year, to be schooled. Consequently, to have been defeated by his old pupil, who was indebted to him entirely for his jumping education, would have been annoying, to say the least, and it was not until he saw Rhyshworth lay back his ears, when collared by Disturbance at the last hurdle, that he breathed again. Boxall's riding of Rhyshworth was severely criticised at the time, it being said he made too much use of him, etc., etc. Mr. Richardson, on the other hand, who should know better than anyone, gives it as his opinion that he rode admirably, his rough and ready style being exactly suitable to a shifty brute like Rhyshworth, who, as it was, did his best to refuse at one or

two points of the race, especially at the fence just before the water.

Captain Machell had a very good race, the first bet Mr. Peach, who did the commission, taking for him being £10,000 to £200, whilst Mr. Richardson's solitary wager on his own mount was one of £1,000 to £10.

How that gentleman steered the winner it is hardly necessary to state, there being but one opinion from jockeys who took part in the race and lookers-on alike, viz., that it was a masterpiece of patience and judgment, and it were superfluous to add that "the Bold Harrow Boy" was overwhelmed with congratulations on returning to the weighing-room.

Mr. Richardson bought Disturbance on behalf of Captain Machell from the late Mr. James Barber (who, by the way, hadn't a shilling on him at Liverpool), after riding him in a six-furlong race at the Ayr meeting, and as at the same time he purchased Defence and Reugny, the three costing him £1,200, he may be said to have made a record bargain in horseflesh.

Disturbance, who was a six-year-old bay horse, by Commotion—Polly Peachum, is thus described by his old trainer and rider: "I never rode so good a

winded horse—he never blew, and stayed for ever, and his manners were perfect. Until I bought him he had never seen a fence, and the first time I rode him at Liverpool in the Sefton Steeplechase, he fell at the second fence (it used to be a bank). We got up, however, all right, and I rode him round the course by himself, and he never made a mistake again either at home or in a race, indeed, I won the Craven Steeplechase on him the very next day."

When it is remembered that he was giving Rhyshworth, a horse which had run fourth in the Derby of 1869, won by Pretender, a year and 3 lb., the merit of Disturbance's Grand National victory can hardly be over-estimated; that it was no fluke being clearly demonstrated the following day, when his roguish opponent, carrying 12 st. 7 lb., won the Sefton Steeplechase in a canter by ten lengths, beating, amongst others, Reugny, 11 st. 9 lb., who was destined to distinguish himself later on.

His steeplechasing career at an end, Disturbance was acquired by Lord Hastings, at whose place at Melton Constable, in Norfolk, he was located for many years.

Like many a good horse before him, however, he was a failure at the stud, and he eventually died at the ripe old age of twenty-nine.

A ship may be ever such a good one, but where would it be, we would ask, without the man at the wheel? His many friends down Lincolnshire way were evidently of the same opinion when they determined to mark their appreciation of the able manner in which Mr. J. M. Richardson had steered the good ship *Disturbance* safely into port, in a manner befitting the occasion.

And what more festive form could it take than a banquet at Brigg, with its member, Sir John Astley, in the chair, the "Mate" in his most genial mood as befitted the occasion?

Suffice it to say that the inscription "*Disturbance, but no Row,*" on the top of the menu proved somewhat of a misnomer, for we are told that the cheering that went up when the guest of the evening got up on his hind legs to reply to the toast of his health might have been heard—and probably was—in the adjoining parish.



*From the original picture in the
possession of Mr. J. M. Richardson,*
REFUGNY,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1874.

REUGNY.

1874.

1. Capt. Machell's ch. h. *Reugny*, by Minos--Reine Blanche, 6 yrs., 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. J. M. Richardson.
 2. Lord M. Beresford's bl. g. *Chimney Sweep*, a.,
10 st. 2 lb. J. Jones.
 3. Capt. Thorold's br. g. *Merlin*, a., 10 st. 7 lb.
J. Adams.
- Capt. Machell's *Disturbance*, 12 st. 9 lb.
J. Cannon.
- Capt. Machell's *Defence*, 11 st. 13 lb. Mr. Rolly.
- Mr. H. Baltazzi's *Furley*, 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. A. Yates.
- Mr. Chaston's *Eurotas*, 11 st. 8 lb. Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. W. Wilson's *Congress*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Mr. Brayley's *Casse Tête*, 11 st. ... H. Day.
- Lord M. Beresford's *Dewicke*, 10 st. 12 lb.
R. I'Anson.
- Mr. H. Houldsworth's *Daybreak*, 10 st. 11 lb.
(including 9 lb. extra) Holt.

Duke of Hamilton's <i>Fantôme</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	J. Page.
Mr. W. Forbes's <i>Héraut d'Armes</i> , 10 st. 8 lb.	Capt. Smith.
Mr. S. Davies' <i>Dainty</i> , 10 st. 7 lb.	Mr. Hathaway.
Mr. W. H. P. Jenkins' <i>Columbine</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	Harding.
Mr. J. Fearon's <i>Ouragan II.</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	Mr. G. Mulcaster.
Mr. Jno. Goodliffe's <i>Master Mowbray</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	A. Holman.
Sir R. B. Harvey's <i>Vintner</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	Mr. Crawshaw.
Mr. H. Houldsworth's <i>Last of the Lambs</i> , 10 st.	Mr. Dalglish.
Mr. B. J. Angell's <i>Bretby</i> , 10 st.	W. Daniels.
Capt. Boynton's <i>Lord Colney</i> , 10 st.	Rickards.
Capt. Rising's <i>Paladin</i> , 10 st. 3 lb. ...	J. Rugg.

STARTING PRICES.

5 to 1 agst. Reugny.	25 to 1 agst. Defence.
100 „ 15 „ Casse Tête.	25 „ 1 „ Dewicke.
7 „ 1 „ Vintner.	40 „ 1 „ Last of the Lambs.
12 „ 1 „ Columbine.	40 „ 1 „ Merlin.
12 „ 1 „ Furley.	50 „ 1 „ Master Mowbray.
14 „ 1 „ Eurotas.	50 „ 1 „ Ouragan II.
16 „ 1 „ Congress.	66 „ 1 „ Dainty.
20 „ 1 „ Fantôme.	

THE RACE.

The flag fell at the second attempt at twenty minutes past three, Bretby at once taking the lead to be quickly passed by Ouragan II. who, getting the best of his jockey, rushed to the front, followed by Chimney Sweep, Daybreak, Eurotas, Bretby and Merlin.

Last of the Lambs refused at the first fence and fell, and at the next Vintner struck the bank with his knees and fell, Mr. Crawshaw breaking his collar-bone. As a result Congress came down but was quickly remounted, whilst Paladin and Colney came to grief on their own account. The leaders went on in close company to Becher's Brook, over which Ouragan II. led by a couple of lengths, his immediate followers being Bretby, Daybreak, Merlin, and Capt. Machell's trio. Nearing Valentine's, Furley improved his position and Columbine took third place.

With the exception of Fantôme, who fell, all got handsomely over the water in front of the stand, after which Columbine took up the running with Daybreak, Ouragan II., Merlin, Eurotas and Chimney Sweep in close attendance. Becher's Brook saw the last of Casse Tête, who broke down

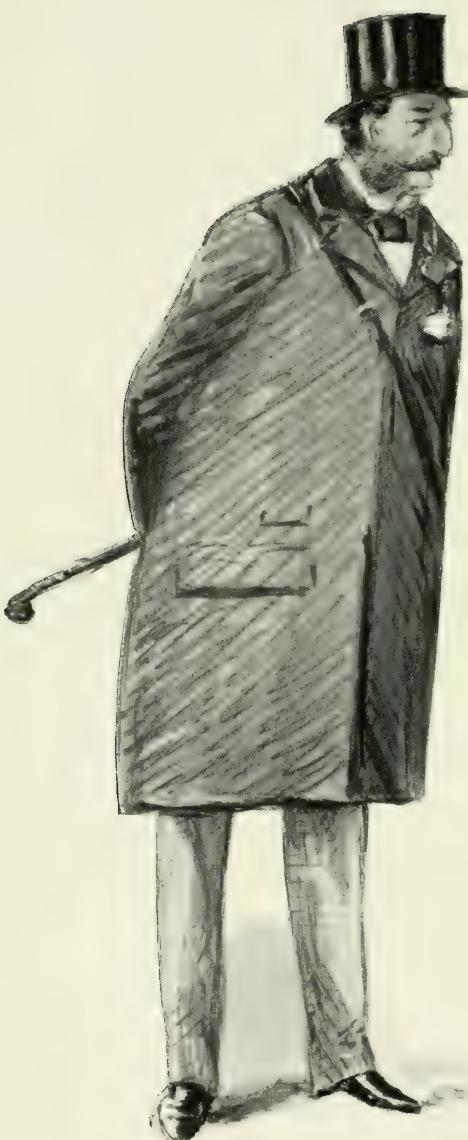
badly on landing, and fell at the next fence, bringing Dainty to grief at the same time. When fairly in the straight Merlin was beaten, and Reugny fairly wearing down old Chimney Sweep, went on and won amidst great cheering by six lengths. Four lengths away Merlin was third, Defence (the mount of the present Viceroy of India) fourth, Master Mowbray fifth, Disturbance sixth, Columbine seventh, and Ouragan II. eighth.

Time : 10 minutes 4 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,890.

Though Disturbance was allowed to start at a long price the previous year, it was very different with Reugny, who the moment it was known that he had been favourably put through the mill at Limber Magna, was backed for pounds shillings and pence all over the country until finally landed a hot favourite at 5 to 1 taken and wanted.

Captain Machell, who though informed of the result of the spin the same night and advised to back Reugny at once, neglected to do so, giving as his reason that there was no hurry. He had no call, therefore, as the servants say, to lose his temper as he did, when on stepping in to back his horse, he was asked to take a very short price.



THE CAPTAIN.

*From an original sketch
by Finch Mason.*

Saying he didn't keep horses for Lincolnshire farmers to bet on, he threatened to scratch Reugny there and then, and rely on Defence, to which Mr. Richardson, angered in his turn and not unreasonably so, retorted, that he had lived amongst and hunted with the farmers in question all his life, and that under these circumstances who could blame him for doing his best to put them on an important winner now he had it in his power to do so ?

"Carry out your threat," he added, "and I'll ride Furley and beat you."

When in addition it was suggested to Mr. Richardson that he should purposely mystify people as to which of the Captain's trio he would eventually be seen on the back of, it was indeed a case of the "last straw," and the subsequent announcement therefore that after the Grand National he would be seen no more in the saddle, caused little surprise to those who knew the man.

"And I never regretted my decision," observed Mr. Richardson when discussing the affair, "for not only had I met with more than my share of success during my ten years in the saddle, but there wasn't one of the big events in the steeplechase world that I hadn't won twice over. Besides," he added naively,

"if the truth *must* be told, I loved hunting far more than racing."

As for Captain Machell, he accepted a bet of seven monkeys about his horse, and seeing that a day or two afterwards he sold all three, Reugny, Disturbance and Defence, whose united cost was only £1,200, to Mr. Gerard Leigh, for £12,000, he could not very well pose as a Christian or any other kind of martyr.

When Reugny was sent to Mr. Richardson at Limber Magna in the spring of 1873, he was so sore on his feet that he was at once turned out and kept in a paddock night and day until the 22nd of November, when he was taken up and put into gentle work.

Four months afterwards he won the Liverpool.

How he won is best described in his rider's own words :

"Chimney Sweep landed on the race-course five lengths in front of me, and knowing Reugny was not a *real* stayer, I dare not move on him. When, however, I saw Jack Jones look round and then give Chimney Sweep two desperate hits with his whip which did not make the old horse go a bit faster, I sat tight and gradually catching him, went ahead and won by six lengths. That Reugny was *very*



Photo, by Dickinson and Foster.

MR. J. M. RICHARDSON.

tired may be judged from the fact that he knocked both the last hurdles down."

The sequel to the sale of the three Grand National horses sounds almost incredible. Hardly had they been located at Luton Hoo, Mr. Gerard Leigh's place in Hertfordshire, than these three high class steeplechasers were brought out into the park one afternoon, with a lunging rein attached to each, and jumped over all manner of fancy obstacles, arranged in a circle, for the edification of a large house party. Scenes in the circle, in fact, with nothing to pay.

It may have been amusing and doubtless was, whilst it lasted, to the onlookers, but the result to the performers was disastrous in the extreme ; Disturbance, who up to now was a perfectly sound horse, being hopelessly ruined for racing purposes, whilst the other two were in not much better case, neither of them ever doing any good afterwards, though Reugny, who passed into Mr. Gomm's hands later on, actually started favourite in the Grand National won by Austerlitz.

Note.—It may interest our military readers to hear that Chimney Sweep, who made such a good fight of it with the winner, was originally Lord Marcus Beresford's second charger, when that nobleman was in the Seventh Hussars.

PATHFINDER.

1875.

1. Mr. H. Bird's b. g. *Pathfinder*, late Knight, by Mogador, Dam's pedigree unknown, aged, 10 st. 11 lb. Mr. Thomas.
2. Mr. S. Davis's b. m. *Dainty*, by Loyola—Tit Bit, a., 11 st. Mr. Hathaway.
3. Baron Finot's ch. f. *La Venie*, by Ventre St. Gris —Valeriane, 5 yrs., 11 st. 12 lb. J. Page.
4. Mr. H. Baltazzi's ch. g. *Jackal*, by Caterer—Maggiore, a., 11 st. 11 lb. ... R. Marsh.
Mr. Gomm's *Congress*, 12 st. 4 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Mr. H. Baltazzi's *Furley*, 12 st. 2 lb.
Mr. J. Goodwin.
- Sir W. Nugent's *Clonave*, 12 st. 1 lb. ... Gavin.
- Mr. Vyner's *Duc de Beaufort*, 11 st. 13 lb.
Captain Smith.
- Captain Machell's *Laburnum*, 11 st. 12 lb.
Jewitt.
- Mr. F. Bennett's *Miss Hungerford*, 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. Rolly.

From a sketch by Finch Mawson.



WINNER OF THE PATHFINDER,
GRAND NATIONAL, 1875.
RIDDEN BY MR. THOMAS.

Mr. C. A. Egerton's <i>St. Aubyn</i> ,	11 st. 7 lb.	
		J. Pickett.
Captain S. Gubbins's <i>Sailor</i> ,	11 st. 7 lb.	
		Fleming.
Mr. Percival's <i>Messager</i> ,	11 st. 7 lb.	Whiteley.
Mr. L. Nicholson's <i>Bar One</i> ,	11 st. 4 lb.	
		Owner.
Mr. Percival's <i>Sparrow</i> ,	11 st. 2 lb.	Gregory.
Captain R. Thorold's <i>Marmora</i> ,	11 st. 2 lb.	
		Jones.
Mr. Granger's <i>Fleuriste</i> ,	11 st. ...	R. I'Anson.
Mr. F. Platt's <i>New York</i> ,	10 st. 13 lb.	
		Mr. Dalglish.
Mr. Bracher's <i>Victoire</i> ,	10 st. 13 lb.	
		Mr. Barnes.

BETTING.

6 to 1 agst. La Venie.	100 to 6 agst. Pathfinder.
6,, 1,, Jackal.	20,, 1,, Laburnum.
7,, 1,, Congress.	20,, 1,, Miss Hungerford.
9,, 1,, Clonave.	25,, 1,, Dainty.
100,, 8,, Duc de Beaufort.	33,, 1,, Fleuriste.
100,, 8,, Sailor.	33,, 1,, Messager.
100,, 8,, Marmora.	40,, 1,, St. Aubyn.
100,, 7,, Sparrow.	

THE RACE.

They were off at the first attempt, Sailor showing the way to the first fence, where Furley refused and

Messager fell, whilst New York, Clonave, and St. Aubyn came down at the next.

After Becher's Brook had been cleared, Congress was in front of La Venie, Sparrow, and Miss Hungerford, and in that order they jumped Valentine's, after which Jackal took fourth place. On landing on to the race-course, Victoire took up the running to the bush fence, over which the leading division comprised Congress, Victoire, La Venie, Sparrow, and Pathfinder, and in this order they jumped the water.



THE MARQUIS OF HUNTLY.

At the second fence, going into the country the second time, Miss Hungerford fell, and Sailor, overjumping himself, also came down. After Becher's Brook had been crossed, Victoire heading Congress, went on with the lead to the race-course, being joined there by Dainty, who had come with a rush.

Once in the straight Congress and Victoire dropped back beaten, giving place to Dainty, who went on with the lead, which she retained till the last hurdle, when she was caught by Pathfinder, an exciting race between the pair ending in favour of Pathfinder by half a length. Three lengths away La Venie was third, a head in front of Jackal, Marmora fifth, Victoire sixth, and Sparrow seventh.

Time: 10 minutes 22 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,940.

An objection lodged against Pathfinder on the ground of insufficient description was at once overruled.

Pathfinder, when he won the Grand National, was eight years old, and was bred by Mr. Cowley, of Kilsby, who sold him to Mr. Riddey, a farmer, at Barby, who first ran him in 1873 in a Farmers' Maiden Plate at Rugby, where he finished second. On the next day he ran without success in the Farmers' Plate, and at Warwick in a two-mile hunters' race on the flat. His next appearance was in a Selling Steeplechase at Daventry, which he won, being sold afterwards to Mr. Darby, the well-known horse-dealer of Rugby. On the same day he won a Scurry Steeplechase, but was disqualified

for having won a selling race previously. Pathfinder was then sold to Mr. Coupland, master of the Quorn, and regularly ridden by Tom Firr the huntsman.

Originally known as The Knight, Mr. Coupland re-christened him Pathfinder, and in 1874 won the Leicester Hunt Steeplechase with him at Melton Mowbray. He then became the joint property of the Marquis of Huntly and Mr. Bird, in whose name and colours he ran in the Grand National. Mr. Thomas said after the race that approaching Becher's Brook the second time round, the horse appeared so exhausted, that had he been his own property, and himself a rich man, he should certainly have pulled him up, for fear he would fall and injure himself. As it was he kept pegging away on the off chance, with the result we all know.



*From the original picture in the
possession of Mr. J. Cannon.*

REGAL.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1876.
(RIDDEN BY J. CANNON.)

REGAL.

1876.

1. Capt. Machell's bl. g. *Regal*, by Saunterer—
Regalia, 5 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb. ... J. Cannon.
2. Mr. Gomm's b. g. *Congress*, aged, 11 st. 3 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
3. Mr. J. Nightingall's br. h. *Shifnal*, a., 10 st. 3 lb.
(including 10 lb. extra) ... R I'Anson.
- Mr. H. Baltazzi's *Defence*, 11 st. 11 lb.
Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. John Goodliffe's *Master Mowbray*, 11 st. 11 lb.
G. Holman.
- Capt. Machell's *Chandos*, 11 st. 7 lb. Jewitt.
- Sir W. Nugent's *Clonave*, 11 st. 5 lb. Gavin.
- Mr. C. B. Brookes' *Phryne*, 11 st. 3 lb.
Mr. J. Goodwin.
- Mr. H. Bird's *Pathfinder*, 11 st. W. Reeves.
- Mr. H. Baltazzi's *Jackal*, 11 st. ... Marsh.
- Mr. G. Brown's *Palm*, 11 st. ... Mr. Barnes.
- Mr. Appleton's *Gamebird*, 10 st. 12 lb. Owner.
- Mr. C. E. Hawkes' *The Liberator*, 10 st. 11 lb.
T. Ryan.

Mr. J. M. Richardson's *Zero*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Mr. Rolly.

Mr. T. Smyth's *Gazelle*, 10 st. 9 lb. Mr. Flutter.

Lord M. Beresford's *Chimney Sweep*, 10 st. 8 lb.

Jones.

Mr. J. Robinson's *Thyra*, 10 st. 6 lb.

W. Daniels.

Capt. Bayley's *Spray*, 10 st. 2 lb. T. Cunningham.

Mr. W. Weston's *Rye*, 10 st. G. Waddington.

STARTING PRICES.

100 to 30 agst. Chandos.	22 to 1 agst. Clonave.
100 „ 8 „ Defence.	25 „ 1 „ Congress.
100 „ 8 „ Master Mowbray.	25 „ 1 „ Regal.
100 „ 8 „ Palm.	25 „ 1 „ Chimney Sweep.
100 „ 8 „ Jackal.	25 „ 1 „ Rye.
20 „ 1 „ Phryne.	100 „ 3 „ Shifnal.
20 „ 1 „ Zero.	40 „ 1 „ Gamebird.
20 „ 1 „ Pathfinder.	40 „ 1 „ Liberator.
20 „ 1 „ Thyra.	40 „ 1 „ Gazelle.

THE RACE.

The flag fell to a splendid start, Chimney Sweep at once rushing to the front. All went well until the second fence was reached, when Gazette, Palm, and Spray refused, Clonave following their example at the next obstacle.

Chimney Sweep was first over Becher's Brook in advance of The Liberator, Rye and Master

Mowbray, the latter showing the way over Valentine's. As they neared the made fence before the water in front of the stands, The Liberator rushed to the front, but was headed in a few strides by Shifnal, who cleared the water a length in front of Jackal, Master Mowbray and the Liberator, who were nearly abreast ; all, in fact, got safely over except Chandos, who blundered on to his head and knees on landing, but was quickly recovered by Jewitt, rejoining his horses in a marvellous manner.

As they streamed into the country The Liberator resumed the command, and Zero for the first time took his place amongst the leading runners. At the fence before Becher's Brook The Liberator fell, and both Spray and Thyra refused. Phryne now came to the fore, and Gamebird, who had been going remarkably well, came to grief, whilst Defence, who had been in the rear rank all along, retired. Captain Machell's pair now drew to the front, but Chandos over-jumped himself at Valentine's and fell, whilst Zero followed suit at the next fence, Mr. " Rolly " being seriously injured. Master Mowbray was the first on to the race-course, followed by Jackal, Shifnal, Congress, Regal, Rye and Chimney Sweep, but was beaten before reaching the first hurdle, as was Jackal.

Regal on the right, Congress next the rails with Shifnal in the centre, now charged the last hurdle in a line, and the Epsom horse retiring, a ding-dong race home between the other two ended in favour of Regal by a neck. Some lengths behind Shifnal was third, Chimney Sweep fourth, Rye fifth, Jackal sixth and Master Mowbray seventh.

Time : 11 minutes 14 seconds.

Value of stakes. £1,510.

The moment the weights were made public Chandos was pitched upon by prophets and punters alike as the probable winner of the Grand National. As time went on, so did the *furore* increase, the odds getting shorter and shorter until at last he was firmly established at 100 to 30.

And very self-satisfied were his thick and thin supporters when, accompanied by Regal, he made his appearance on the course, and not without reason, for it is questionable whether a handsomer horse than Chandos has ever been seen in a Grand National field. On the other hand there was a business-like look about his stable companion which caused many a good judge, after a good look at the black son of Saunterer, to hie him to the ring for a "saver" on the Captain's second string.

Captain Machell made no declaration to win, his pair running quite independently of each other. As a matter of fact it was entirely guess work which was the best, for whilst they had gone four miles in each other's company over big fences at Kentford, where they were trained, on each occasion going and jumping equally well, Jewitt invariably riding Chandos and Joe Cannon, Regal, they had never been really tried together.

Having gone so far we don't think we can do better than let the last-named eminent jockey take up the running on his own account.

"The Captain (writes Mr. Cannon) was particularly fond of Chandos. Knowing what a tremendous horse he was over hurdles, and as he was jumping big fences to perfection and never seeming to tire in his long gallops over them, he naturally thought he could not be beat, although I always told him the black would win in my opinion. So strong was his conviction indeed, that after the weights came out he made up his mind to run Regal at Croydon, where, if he won he would get a penalty, and as I was going to ride him at Liverpool and naturally did not want his chance jeopardised, I told him (the Captain) before the race that I hoped he would find the floor so as not to get one.

“Though he did not actually fall, he did what was just as good—went on to his nose and knees, and on recovering put his foot through the rein; so Jewitt, who rode him, had to get off. ‘Well, you have got your wish,’ remarked the Captain to me afterwards.

“In most of the bets he made about Chandos—and he had to take very short prices—Captain Machell had the black thrown in, so that he won nearly every bet he made. When Chandos fell two fences from the canal bridge in the second round—he was palpably tiring at the time—I was lying three or four lengths behind him.

“I told Jewitt on the morning of the race when riding them a canter, that Chandos didn’t move so freely as he usually did, and he thought the same, and no doubt the horse was not quite right that day, although we both examined him very carefully after getting in and could find nothing amiss.”

Gallant old Congress as he emerged from the paddock with flag flying and a “fear no foe” appearance about him there was no mistaking, made many friends, and not without reason as it turned out.

But let his rider, the evergreen Mr. E. P. Wilson, speak for himself.



THE EARL OF MINTO.

"I was very unlucky," writes Mr. Wilson, "not to win on Congress, as in pulling out for Jack Goodwin, I came into contact with a fallen animal which certainly lost me many lengths. My horse came on his nose and knees, and I was hanging round his neck all across the next field, and had not recovered my irons when we jumped the next fence.

"This left me in a bad position and took a lot of making up. You may remember we finished very wide—Joe Cannon right under the judge's box and yours truly bang the other side of the course.

"As for Congress he was certainly one of the best I ever rode."

A characteristic, we might almost say historic, group was that when Zero, looking very business-like with his square cut tail and hogged mane, made his appearance on the course, with Mr. "Rolly" on his back, his owner, familiarly known to a multitude of friends as "Pussy," on one side, and Tom Chaloner the jockey on the other.

Who could have foretold that the wearer of the amber jacket was destined in later years to blossom out into a full-blown Viceroy of India ?*

* The Earl of Minto, the present Viceroy of India, when a boy at Eton was popularly known as "Rolly" Melgund. Hence the adoption of Mr. "Rolly," for riding purposes, later on.

When Zero fell in the second round few people were probably aware how nearly a distinguished career was prematurely nipped in the bud. As a matter of fact, Mr. "Rolly" narrowly escaped breaking his neck, Sir James Paget, who was hastily summoned, declaring that in the whole of his experience this was the only instance he knew of the vertebra going back into its place after being stretched, adding, that his noble patient's skeleton, if preserved, would be most valuable in consequence.



1877.

Becher's Brook (Second time round).

"What Price Mr. Hobson and Austerlitz?"

AUSTERLITZ.

1877.

Mr. F. G. Hobson's ch. h. <i>Austerlitz</i> , by Rataplan	
—Lufra, 5 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb. ...	... Owner.
Lord Lonsdale's b. g. <i>Congress</i> , a., 12 st. 7 lb.	J. Cannon.
Mr. Moore's <i>The Liberator</i> , a., 10 st. 12 lb.	Mr. Thomas.
Lord Lonsdale's <i>Regal</i> , 6 yrs., 12 st. 2 lb.	Jewitt.
Mr. Gomm's <i>Reugny</i> , a., 11 st. 6 lb.	Mr. E. P. Wilson.
Sir M. Crofton's <i>Shifnal</i> , a., 11 st. 5 lb.	R. I'Anson.
Captain Bates' <i>Pride of Kildare</i> , 6 yrs., 11 st. 4 lb.	Canavan.
Lord C. Beresford's <i>Zero</i> , a., 11 st. 2 lb. (including 7 lb. extra)	Sherrington.
Mr. J. Johnson's <i>Lancet</i> , a., 11 st. ...	Daniels.
Lord M. Beresford's <i>Chimney Sweep</i> , a., 10 st. 13 lb.	J. Jones.
Mr. Moore's <i>Gamebird</i> , a., 10 st. 11 lb.	Mr. Appleton.

Mr. A. Crofton's <i>Sultana</i> , a., 10 st. 11 lb. (including 7 lb. extra)	... ... ...	Mr. Beasley.
Lord Downe's <i>Earl Marshal</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.		Mr. Rolly.
Sir C. F. Rushout's <i>Arbitrator</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb.		Mr. Crawshaw.
Sir J. L. Kaye's <i>Citizen</i> , 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.		W. Reeves.
Mr. S. Davis' <i>Dainty</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb.		Mr. J. Goodwin.

BETTING.

100 to 15 agst. Reugny.	20 to 1 agst. Congress.
7 „ 1 „ Chimney Sweep.	20 „ 1 „ Dainty.
100 „ 14 „ Shifnal.	25 „ 1 „ Gamebird.
8 „ 1 „ Regal.	25 „ 1 „ Liberator.
12 „ 1 „ Citizen.	33 „ 1 „ Lancet.
12 „ 1 „ Pride of Kildare.	50 „ 1 „ Zero.
14 „ 1 „ Arbitrator.	50 „ 1 „ Sultana.
15 „ 1 „ Austerlitz.	

THE RACE.

They were off at the first attempt, Austerlitz making the running to the first fence, where he was passed by Zero, who led to Becher's Brook, when Citizen went to the front. The pace, which had been a "cracker" so far, quickened as the water was neared, Zero, Chimney Sweep, Citizen, and

Congress, clearing it just in advance of Austerlitz and two others.

At the fence before Becher's Brook, Zero refused,



Photo by Houghton,

MR. J. CANNON.

Margate.

whilst Arbitrator, dead beat, fell at Valentine's. Austerlitz jumped on to the race-course with a clear lead of Chimney Sweep and The Liberator, the former of whom was beaten before reaching the first

flight of hurdles, as was Shifnal. At this point The Liberator momentarily headed Austerlitz and Dainty took third place, but before reaching the final hurdle, Austerlitz, vigorously ridden, went to the front again, and going on, won by four lengths from Congress, who took second place on sufferance, Chimney Sweep finishing fourth in front of the pulling up Dainty.

Time : 10 minutes 10 seconds.

Attracted doubtless by the weather, which was delightful for the time of year, a larger crowd than usual assembled at Aintree, to view the Grand National of 1877, the competitors for which were generally voted a very good-looking lot, none having a more taking appearance than Austerlitz, a very powerful, level-made horse, who probably would have started a much better favourite than he did, had he been ridden by anyone else but Mr. Hobson, in whose ability to win a race like the Grand National, owing probably to his well-known trick of hanging on to the back of his saddle when taking his jumps, the generality of backers declined to believe.

That this opinion was shared by the supporters of the stable, notably Mr. Ben Harvey (said to be the real owner of the horse), was an undoubted fact,

the expression on that gentleman's face, when the winner returned to the weighing-room, being the reverse of "beaming."

One thing is certain, "The Squire" rode a very plucky and as it turned out, judicious race, making every possible use of his horse, and settling everything one by one, as they attempted to overhaul him, his most dangerous opponent being The Liberator, who when they jumped on the race-course looked as much like winning as anything.

SHIFNAL.

1878.

1. Mr. John Nightingall's br. h. *Shifnal*, by Saccharometer—Countess Amy, aged, 10 st. 12 lb. J. Jones.
2. Captain A. Crofton's b. m. *Martha*, by Coroner—
Martha, a., 10 st. 9 lb. (including 7 lb. extra)
Mr. T. Beasley.
3. Mr. Moore's ch. m. *Pride of Kildare*, by Plum
Pudding or Canary—Hibernia, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. J. Moore.
- Mr. J. Jessop's *Boyne Water*, 10 st. 12 lb.
J. Adams.
- Captain Machell's *Jackal*, 10 st. 12 lb. Jewitt.
- Mr. J. Hefford's *Verity*, 10 st. 10 lb. (including
7 lb. extra) Gregory.
- Captain Davison's *Miss Lizzie*, 10 st. 7 lb. Hunt.
- Lord Lonsdale's *Curator*, 10 st. 5 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Mr. G. Brown's *His Lordship*, 10 st. 5 lb. (carried
10 st. 7 lb.) R. I'Anson.

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of Mr. W. Nishingall.*

SHIFNAL.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1878.



Duke of Hamilton's *The Bear*, 10 st. 4 lb.

R. Marsh.

Mr. T. J. Clifford's *Northfleet*, 10 st. 3 lb.

C. Lawrence.

Mr. J. G. Blake's *Tattoo*, 10 st. 3 lb.

W. Canavan.

STARTING PRICES.

9 to 2 agst. His Lordship.	100 to 7 agst. Northfleet.
5 „ 1 „ Boyne Water.	20 „ 1 „ Verity.
6 „ 1 „ Kildare.	20 „ 1 „ Martha.
100 „ 15 „ Shifnal.	100 „ 3 „ Tattoo.
12 „ 1 „ Jackal.	25 „ 1 „ Miss Lizzie.
100 „ 8 „ The Bear.	

THE RACE.

After a couple of breaks away Shifnal at once went to the front, closely followed by Miss Lizzie, Martha, and Jackal, the pace being exceedingly slow. At the first fence, Northfleet fell and Tattoo, jumping sideways, cannoned against His Lordship and The Bear, knocking them both over. Meanwhile Martha was at the head of affairs and showed the way over Becher's Brook, at the next fence to which Jackal all but came down, thereby losing a lot of ground.

Approaching Valentine's Shifnal once more took the lead, jumping it two lengths ahead of Miss

Lizzie and Martha, the three landing on to the race-course nearly abreast, the Epsom horse showing the way over the water a length ahead of Miss Lizzie and Martha, the latter of whom took up the running shortly after entering the country, her immediate followers being Shifnal and Pride of Kildare, behind whom were Miss Lizzie and Curator.

Martha, half a length ahead, was first on the race-course with Shifnal and Pride of Kildare at her heels, Jackal, Miss Lizzie and Curator toiling hopelessly in the rear ; and with Pride of Kildare not responding to the call of her jockey, and Shifnal being ridden hard it appeared as if she must win ; she tired, however, at the last flight of hurdles, and Shifnal slowly but surely wearing her down, won a great race at last by two lengths. Pride of Kildare, ten lengths away, was third, Jackal fourth, Miss Lizzie fifth, Curator sixth and Boyne Water seventh.

An objection to the winner on the ground of a cannon was overruled.

Time : 10 minutes 23 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,690.



THE LIBERATOR.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1879.
*From the original picture in the
possession of Mr. Garrett Moore.*

THE LIBERATOR.

1879.

1. Mr. G. Moore's b. g. *The Liberator*, by Daniel O'Connell—Mary O'Toole, aged, 11 st. 4 lb.
Owner.
2. Lord M. Beresford's ch. g. *Jackal*, by Caterer—
Maggiore, a., 11 st. (including 7 lb. extra)
J. Jones.
3. Capt. Crofton's b. m. *Martha*, by Coroner—
Martha, a., 10 st. 13 lb. ... Mr. Beasley.
Capt. Machell's *Regal*, 11 st. 10 lb. ... Jewitt.
Marquis de Sauveur's *Wild Monarch*, 11 st. 7 lb.
Andrews.
- Mr. P. Doucie's *Queen of Kildare*, 11 st. 5 lb.
J. Doucie.
- Mr. Dunlop's *Bacchus*, 11 st. 1 lb. J. Cannon.
- Mr. Russell's *His Lordship*, 10 st. 12 lb. Levitt.
- Sir J. L. Kaye's *Marshal Niel*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Gavin.
- Mr. Denny's *Victor II.*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. J. Beasley.
- Count Festetic, jun's., *Brigand*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Count Metternich.

Mr. T. D'Arcy Hoey's <i>Bob Ridley</i> , 10 st. 9 lb.	Mr. E. P. Wilson.
Mr. R. Stackpoole's <i>Turco</i> , 10 st. 9 lb.	Mr. H. Beasley.
Mr. P. M. V. Saurin's <i>Lord Marcus</i> , 10 st. 9 lb.	Mr. W. Beasley.
Mr. James Conolly's <i>Rossanmore</i> , 10 st. 7 lb.	Toole.
Mr. Vyner's <i>Bellringer</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. (including 7 lb. extra)	Mr. A. Coventry.
Duke of Hamilton's <i>The Bear</i> , 10 st. 7 lb. (includ- ing 5 lb. extra)	R. Marsh.
Sir T. Hesketh's <i>Concha</i> , 10 st. 2 lb.	Mr. W. B. Morris.

STARTING PRICES.

5 to 2 agst. Regal.	1,000 to 65 agst	Jackal.
5 .. 1 .. Liberator.	20 .. 1 ..	Wild Monarch.
10 .. 1 .. Bacchus.	40 .. 1 ..	Queen of Kildare.
10 .. 1 .. The Bear.	50 .. 1 ..	Martha.
100 .. 8 .. Victor II.	50 .. 1 ..	Concha.
100 .. 8 .. Marshal Niel.	50 .. 1 ..	Brigand.
100 .. 6 .. Turco.	50 .. 1 ..	Rossanmore.
100 .. 6 .. Bellringer.		

THE RACE.

They were off at the first attempt, Jackal, Regal, and Bacchus being first to break the line. The

fast pace as usual weeded the field somewhat, His Lordship and The Bear refusing, while Bell-ringer and Bacchus fell. Regal also blundered twice, losing a good deal of ground. Bob Ridley and Lord Marcus jumped Becher's Brook some lengths in front of the others, who were headed by The Liberator, Martha, Jackal, and Marshal Niel, and whipped in by Regal and Brigand, and in this order they jumped on the race-course, though they closed up before reaching the water, which was cleared by Bob Ridley half a length in advance of the others. Going into the country the second time The Liberator drew into fourth place, a position he improved upon after jumping Becher's Brook, at which Marshal Niel fell, Victor II. dropping out soon afterwards. Bob Ridley and Lord Marcus



MR. G. MOORE.

were first on the race-course, closely followed by The Liberator, whilst at a clear interval came Wild Monarch, Martha, Regal, Rossanmore, and Turco, well ahead of Brigand.

Once in the straight Lord Marcus was beaten, and with Bob Ridley compounding at every stride Mr. Moore sent The Liberator to the front, and drawing away from the last flight of hurdles went on and won in the commonest of canters by ten lengths. Jackal, two lengths away, was second, being a length in front of Martha; Wild Monarch was fourth, Bob Ridley fifth, Regal sixth, Rossanmore seventh, and Lord Marcus eighth.

Time: 10 minutes 12 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,900.

The Liberator, who was bred by Mr. Stokes of Mount Hawke in Ireland, in 1869, ran for the first time at Cork Park Races when a five-year-old, and some months afterwards was sold for £600 to Mr. Enoch.

In 1876 he ran for the first time in the Grand National, when he was not mentioned in the betting and fell in the actual race.

Soon afterwards, not reaching the reserve of a thousand set upon him, when put up to auction at

Enoch's Repository in Dublin, Mr. Garrett Moore acquired half of him for five hundred and rode him in the Grand Hurdle Race at Croydon in 1877. His next essay was the Grand National of the same year, when, carrying 10 st. 12 lb. and ridden by Mr. Thomas, he ran third. In 1878, though entered for the race, he didn't run, though on paper he appeared to have a chance second to none.

A great favourite with the general public, who are always partial to a consistent performer, he was heavily backed all over the country on this occasion, though at one time it looked rather doubtful if he would see the post, he having been seized with a muscular affliction after one of his gallops, which so affected him for the moment, that a van was sent for to get him back to his stable. On second thoughts, however, it was thought best not to allow him to stand still, but to keep him moving, a mode of procedure which, though perhaps having a harsh sound about it, was in reality quite the wisest course which could have been adopted.

The Liberator was a knowing old customer, and quite aware of the difference between the fences at the meetings round about London and those at Liverpool. The former he would brush

through, but with the others he knew he couldn't take a liberty without personal damage to himself, so would do his best accordingly.

A sensation was provided at the last moment by an application for an injunction for restraining Mr. Garrett Moore from running *The Liberator* in the Grand National. The Master of the Rolls in Dublin decided, however, that under the terms of partnership entered into with Mr. Plunkett Taaffe, Mr. Moore had a perfect right to run the horse.

It would indeed have been hard lines if owing to a legal quibble the popular "Garry" had been deprived of setting the final seal on his fame as a gentleman rider.

The following year *The Liberator*, carrying 12 st. 7 lb. and again ridden by his owner, ran second, whilst in 1881 and 1882 he fell on each occasion.

Though his name will go down to posterity as the rider of *The Liberator*, Mr. Moore will tell you that the horse he was more closely identified with than any other, during his long and successful career in the saddle, was *Scots Grey*, on whom he won many a good race, not the least important of them being the Bristol Steeplechase, in 1875, then run for the first time.



LORD MARCUS BERESFORD.

His steeplechasing days over, The Liberator was presented to Mr. Manser of Newmarket with a view to a happy home, and having taught two of his sons to ride, one of them took him out one day with the Newmarket drag, and started him so badly that the good old horse had to be destroyed.

EMPERESS.

1880.

Mr. J. F. Lee-Barber's *Jupiter Tonans*, 10 st.
5 lb.... Owner.
Mr. C. Howard's *Sleight of Hand*, 10 st. 4 lb.
Childs.
Mr. S. Davis' *Dainty*, 10 st. 2 lb. ... Darling.
Mr. Greenall's *St. George*, 10 st. 2 lb. ... Levitt.

BETTING.

5 to	1 agst.	Regal.	25 to	1 agst.	Woodbrook.
11 „	2 „	The Liberator.	25 „	1 „	St. George.
11 „	2 „	Wild Monarch.	100 „	3 „	Gunlock.
100 „	15 „	Downpatrick.	50 „	1 „	Jupiter Tonans.
8 „	1 „	Empress.	50 „	1 „	Sleight of Hand.
100 „	7 „	Victoria.	50 „	1 „	Victor II.
20 „	1 „	Shifnal.	66 „	1 „	Dainty.

THE RACE.

The flag fell at the second attempt, Downpatrick at once going to the front closely followed by Victoria, the two being just clear of Woodbrook, Shifnal, Wild Monarch, and Jupiter Tonans. Sleight of Hand and Gunlock having refused the first fence, St. George followed their example at the next, whilst Regal came down.

No change took place until nearing Valentine's Brook, when Jupiter Tonans drew out with a long lead, which he maintained to the race-course, where he gave way to Downpatrick.

As they streamed into the country the second time, Jupiter Tonans once more rushed to the front, and was soon a long way ahead, Shifnal, Woodbrook, and Wild Monarch tailing off at Becher's Brook.



MR. T. BEASLEY.

Once on the race-course, Jupiter Tonans, who up till now had been going better than anything, began to hold out signals of distress, and before reaching the first lot of hurdles, was passed by Downpatrick and Empress, the latter of whom took up the running, and jumping the last flight of all

in advance of the others, went on and won by two lengths, The Liberator, who Mr. Garrett Moore had brought up with a tremendous rush at the finish, beating Downpatrick by a head for second place. Two lengths off Jupiter Tonans was fourth, Woodbrook fifth, Wild Monarch sixth, Victor II. seventh, and Victoria eighth, whilst Shifnal and Dainty walked in with the crowd.

Time: 10 minutes 20 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,250.

The winner, who was a fine powerful chestnut mare standing over sixteen hands, was bred by Mr. Lindisay in Ireland in 1875. She ran for the first time at Baldoyle in 1878, and was sold that summer to Mr. Linde, at whose place she at once commenced her jumping education.

Mr. Beasley, her rider, lost a stirrup during the latter part of the race, and in trying to regain it, lost a good deal of ground, but the moment the mare was fairly set going again, the way she passed her horses one by one, was a caution.

How little affected was Empress by her four mile and a-half gallop, may be gathered from the fact that she is said to have cleared close on thirty feet when jumping the last hurdle.

WOODBROOK.

1881.

1. Captain Kirkwood's ch. g. *Woodbrook*, by The Lawyer—Doe, aged, 11 st. 3 lb. Mr. T. Beasley.
 2. Captain Machell's bk. g. *Regal*, a., 11 st. 12 lb. Jewitt.
 3. Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's b. h. *Thornfield*, 5 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb. R. Marsh.
Mr. G. Moore's *The Liberator*, 12 st. 7 lb. Owner.
 - Captain Ducrot's *Fair Wind*, 10 st. 13 st. Mr. H. Beasley.
 - Sir George Chetwynd's *Abbot of St. Mary's*, 10 st. 9 lb. (including 7 lb. extra). J. Adams.
 - Mr. C. G. Way's *Little Prince*, 10 st. 8 lb. S. Canavan.
 - Mr. A. Peel's *New Glasgow*, 10 st. 7 lb. Captain Smith.
 - Mr. T. G. Baird-Hay's *Montauban*, 10 st. 7 lb. Mr. A. Coventry.

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**WINNER OF
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Mr. R. Carington's *Cross Question*, 10 st.

	J. Jones.
Captain Machell's <i>The Scot</i> , 10 st.	F. Webb.
Mr. Vyner's <i>Fabius</i> , 10 st.	... Hunt.
Mr. A. Yates's <i>Buridan</i> , 10 st.	... Childs.

BETTING.

11 to 2 agst. Thornfield.	11 to 1 agst. New Glasgow.
6 „ 1 „ Woodbrook.	100 „ 7 „ Montauban.
100 „ 15 „ The Liberator.	100 „ 7 „ Fair Wind.
100 „ 15 „ Cross Question.	25 „ 1 „ The Scot.
8 „ 1 „ Abbot of St. Mary's.	25 „ 1 „ Fabius.
11 „ 1 „ Regal.	40 „ 1 „ Little Prince.

THE RACE.

The horses got off at the first attempt, The Liberator and Thornfield quickly going to the front. At the very first fence Buridan and Fabius refused and took no further part in the race, whilst Little Prince followed their example at the next. The Liberator, still in advance, showed the way over Becher's Brook, but fell shortly after at Valentine's, Mr. Moore, notwithstanding his shoulder had been bruised by Cross Question, who was just behind, quickly remounting. Woodbrook now took up the running, landing on the race-course with a five or six lengths' lead of Montauban, New Glasgow and

Fairwind, a position he held to the water, at which Regal was last, two hundred yards in the rear.

At the second fence out in the country, Fairwind refused, but was quickly set going again. No change occurred during the next mile, Woodbrook again leading on to the race-course with Montauban and New Glasgow still in attendance, Cross Question dividing him from Captain Machell's pair, and The Liberator whipping them in. Cross Question now began to fall away, and Regal took second place, New Glasgow third, with Abbot of St. Mary's and The Scot on the outside, and Thornfield hugging the rails.

Two hurdles from home The Abbot and The Scot were out of it, and with Dick Marsh riding Thornfield hard to get on terms with New Glasgow, the remainder of the race may be described as a procession; Woodbrook, who for three parts of the journey had never once been headed, winning in most leisurely fashion by four lengths. Thornfield was third, New Glasgow fourth, The Scot fifth, Abbot of St. Mary's sixth, Cross Question seventh, Montauban eighth, and The Liberator last.

Time: 11 minutes 50 seconds.

Value of stakes, £980.

The weather on this occasion was of about as disagreeable a description as could well be imagined, rain, sleet and snow falling almost without intermission during the day. Nevertheless the course and stands were crowded in all parts, a state of things attributable in a great measure to the presence of the Empress of Austria, who had been hunting in Cheshire all through the winter, and who, no doubt, took a special interest in the race owing to the fact that some time previously, when over in Ireland, she had paid a visit to Mr. Linde at the Curragh, and witnessed the jumping of the horses under his charge.

Another interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the fact that Fred Webb, the well-known flat race jockey, made his *début* as a steeple-chase rider, on the back of Captain Machell's second string, *The Scot*, whom he succeeded in getting fifth.

The race proved a one-horse affair all through, Woodbrook taking the lead before a quarter of the distance had been traversed, and never afterwards being headed. The winner was bred in 1874 by Captain Kirkwood of Woodbrook, from which place the horse took his name.

He first ran in 1878, and the next year won the Sefton Steeplechase at the Liverpool Autumn

Meeting, but was disqualified on the ground of insufficient description. In 1880 he was fifth to Empress in the Grand National, and on this occasion was successful, as we have seen, being subsequently sold to Mr. Oeschlaeger for £1,300.

Woodbrook died the following year at Newmarket.



*From a picture in possession
of Lord Manners.*

SEAMAN.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1882.
(LORD MANNERS.)

SEAMAN.

1882.

1. Lord Manners' b. g. *Scaman*, by Xenophon
Lena Rivers, 6 yrs., 11 st. 6 lb. ... Owner.
2. Mr. John Gubbins' b. g. *Cyrus*, by Xenophon,
dam by Newton-le-Willows, 5 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb.
Mr. T. Beasley.
3. Mr. Clayton's ch. f. *Zoedone*, by New Oswestry
—Miss Honiton, 5 yrs., 10 st. Capt. Smith.
Mr. W. H. Moore's *The Liberator*, 12 st. 7 lb.
J. Adams.
- Mr. J. B. Leigh's *The Scot*, 11 st. 8 lb. Jewitt.
- Mr. C. Cunningham's *Wild Monarch*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Andrews.
- Duke of Hamilton's *Eau de Vie*, 10 st. 8 lb.
Mr. D. Thirlwell.
- Mr. T. G. Baird-Hay's *Montauban*, 10 st. 7 lb.
G. Waddington.
- Mr. Bunbury's *Mohican*, 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
- Captain Machell's *Fay*, 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.

Mr. H. Rymill's *Ignition*, 10 st. 5 lb. Sensier.

Mr. P. George's *Black Prince*, 10 st. F. Wynne.

BETTING.

100 to 30 agst. Mohican (t).	100 to 7 agst. Wild Monarch (t).
9 „ 2 „ Cyrus (t).	20 „ 1 „ The Liberator (t).
5 „ 1 „ The Scot.	20 „ 1 „ Zoedone (t).
10 „ 1 „ Seaman (t).	50 „ 1 „ Ignition (t).
100 „ 8 „ Eau de Vie (t).	

PLACE BETTING.

Evens on The Scot (t).	100 to 30 agst. Wild Monarch (t).
„ „ Cyrus (t).	4 „ 1 „ Zoedone (t).
11 to 8 agst. Mohican (t).	4 „ 1 „ Montauban (t).
2 „ 1 „ Seaman (t).	4 „ 1 „ The Liberator (t).
3 „ 1 „ Fay (t).	5 „ 1 „ Black Prince (t).
3 „ 1 „ Eau de Vie (t).	5 „ 1 „ Ignition (t).

THE RACE.

When they got away in a perfect downfall of sleet and snow Wild Monarch dashed to the front, followed by Eau de Vie and Cyrus, and in this order they reached the second fence, where Ignition refused. At Becher's Brook Eau de Vie took a clear lead, a position she held until after jumping the water in front of the stand, immediately after passing which she ran out of the course. At the second time round Black Prince, Mohican and The Liberator came down, whilst at the next Wild Monarch fell

and broke his leg. Zoedone then took up the running to the next fence, where Fay came to grief, The Scot following suit when a mile from home.

Zoedone, still maintaining the lead, was the first on the race-course, hotly pursued by Seaman and Cyrus. She had shot her bolt at the last flight of hurdles but one, when she was passed by both Cyrus and Seaman, the former of whom took the lead with every appearance of keeping it until a hundred yards from the chair, when Lord Manners bringing up his horse with one run, won a magnificent race by a head.

Time : 10 minutes 42 2/5 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,535.

PEDIGREE AND PERFORMANCES OF SEAMAN.

Seaman, a six-year-old horse, by Xenophon—Lena Rivers, by Brockley, was bred by Captain Gubbins and ran through all his earlier engagements in the name of Mr. Linde. Just prior to Christmas, 1881, he passed into Lord Manners' possession for, it was stated, £2,000. In 1880 Seaman ran only once, when he won the Members' Plate at Longford, but in 1881 out of five engagements he was successful in three, viz., the First Liverpool

Hunt Steeplechase, the Conyngham Cup at the Kildare and National Hunt Meeting at Punchestown, and the Auteuil Grand Hurdle Race in June. This was his last public appearance till the Grand National.

When Lord Manners bought Seaman from Mr. Linde in 1881, neither that gentleman nor Captain Machell thought he would stand training for a severe race, and as a matter of fact he was only three parts trained when he ran his memorable race in the Grand National. Add to this the fact that he broke down badly on landing over the last fence, and his gallant fight against apparently hopeless odds will be all the better appreciated.

Being of no further use for racing purposes after this, Seaman retired into private life, and for years afterwards was used as a hack by his noble owner and his children.

There are few who will dissent from Lord Manners in laying claim to Seaman being quite an exceptional horse, but there are a good many who will most certainly beg to differ from him, when in his modesty, he lays stress on his inexperience as a jockey as an additional proof of his horse's excellence.

Granted the inexperience, we feel certain that the consensus of opinion—certainly amongst those who were lucky enough to witness this memorable struggle—would be that the man, who on a broken-down horse, with the elements against him in the shape of a blinding snowstorm, was capable of getting the best of such a doughty opponent as Tommy Beasley, on his favourite battle ground, at the end of a long and tiring finish, was well able to defy criticism as regards his horsemanship.

ZOEDONE.

1883.

- Count C. Kinsky's ch. m. *Zoedone*, by New Oswestry
—Miss Honiton, 6 yrs., 11 st. ... Owner.
Mr. P. George's *Black Prince*, a., 10 st. 4 lb.
Canavan.
Colonel J. Lloyd's *Downpatrick*, a., 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. T. Widger.
Major Bunbury's *Mohican*, 6 yrs., 12 st. 1 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
Duke of Hamilton's *Eau de Vie*, a., 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. D. Thirlwell.
Mr. T. McDougal's *Athlacca*, a., 11 st. 4 lb.
J. Adams.
Mr. J. Gubbins' *Zitella*, 5 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb.
Mr. T. Beasley.
Lord Yarborough's *Montauban*, a., 10 st. 9 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
Lord Rossmore's *Cortolvin*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.
Barker.
Mr. Davis' *Jolly Sir John*, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.
Mr. A. Coventry.

*From a picture in the possession
of Prince Kinsky.*

ZODEONE.

(PRINCE KINSKY.)
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1883.



BETTING.

3 to 1 agst.	Zitella.	9 to 1 agst.	Montauban.
9 „ 2 „	Eau de Vie.	100 „ 8 „	Zoedone.
100 „ 12 „	Jolly Sir John.	100 „ 7 „	Downpatrick.
9 „ 1 „	Mohican.	100 „ 3 „	Cortolvin.
9 „ 1 „	Athlacca.	100 „ 3 „	Black Prince.

THE RACE.

Off at the first attempt Montauban went to the front at a slow pace, the well-backed Jolly Sir John refusing at the second fence, and getting rid of Mr. Coventry. After jumping Becher's Brook Zitella assumed the lead, landing on to the race-course just ahead of Zoedone, the pair taking the water together, clear of Montauban, Black Prince, and Eau de Vie.

Before reaching Becher's Brook the second time, Zoedone took up the running, and at Valentine's was twelve lengths ahead of the now beaten Zitella.

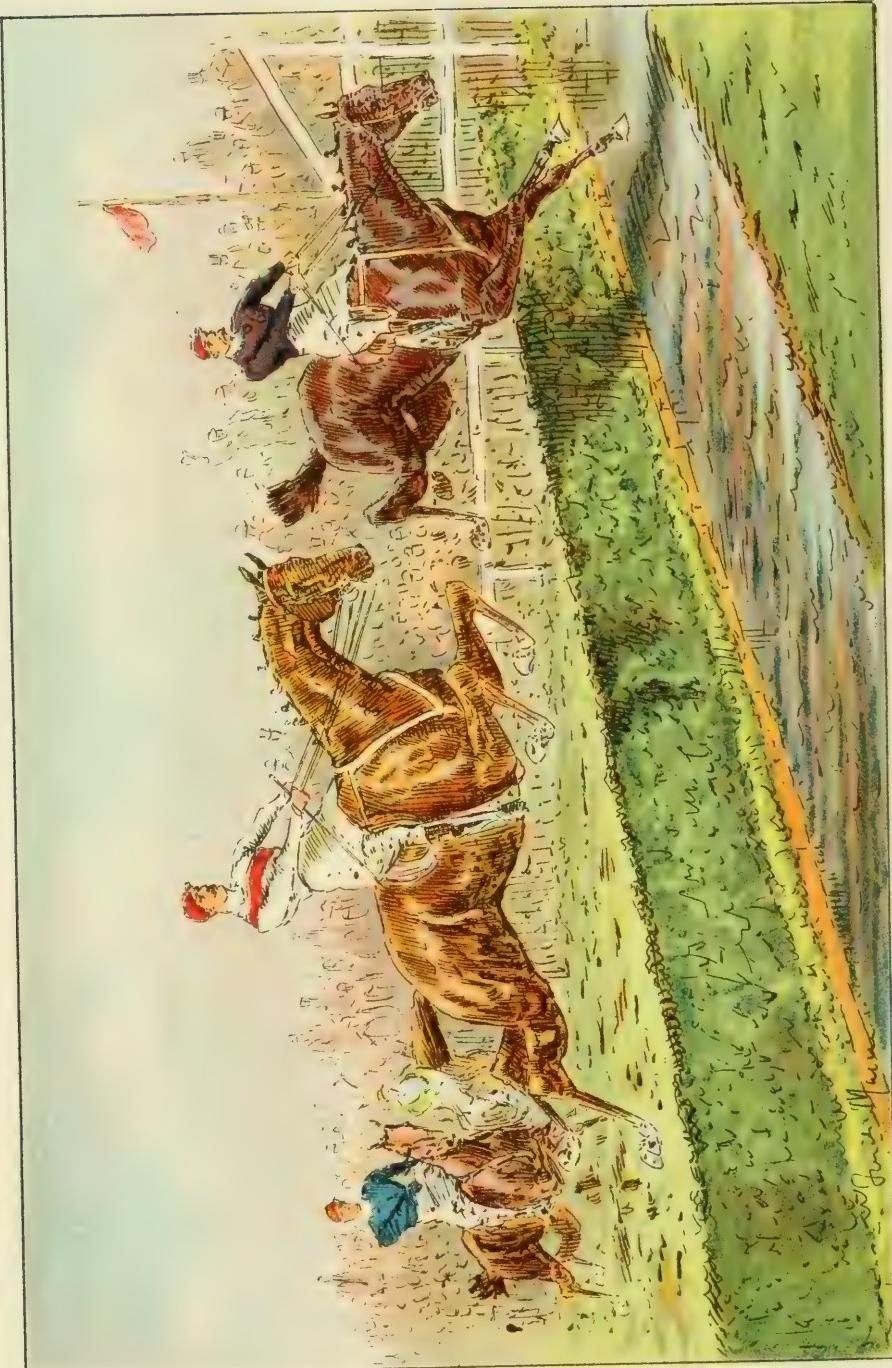
From this point Zoedone had it all her own way, and though she knocked down the last hurdle but one, went on and won with the greatest ease by ten lengths, Black Prince being second, six lengths ahead of Downpatrick.

Time : 11 minutes 39 seconds.

Rain fell heavily in the early morning, but it cleared up in good time, and nothing could have been finer overhead when racing commenced. There were not so many people present as in former races, owing probably to the fact that there were fewer runners than usual for the big event and consequently less excitement. Notwithstanding this drawback, coupled with the fact that the ten runners, taken on the whole, were not so showy a lot as usual, the race was in many respects an interesting one.

That Count (now Prince) Charles Kinsky was no tyro to the game everyone was aware, for had he not already won the Great Sandown Steeplechase on Zoedone? But few, we fancy, were prepared for his brilliant performance on this occasion, it being hard to say which to admire most, his bold horsemanship or good judgment, qualities which, we think, will be generally admitted do not always go hand in hand. The purchase of the mare, as related to us by the Prince, was not the least interesting part of the story.

It was at Newmarket immediately after the race for the Cesarewitch, won by Corrie Roy, and the Count, highly delighted at winning a thousand, having seen the horse led back, was returning to the enclosure, when who should he meet but his friend Mr. E. E. Clayton, who at that time owned



1883.

Zoedone at the Water.

Zoedone, and the conversation turning to the mare, on whom the Count had long had a wistful eye, what more natural than that it should suddenly occur to him, that it wouldn't be half a bad investment for his money if he could persuade the astute owner to part with

Zoedone at a price.

And "Uncle" Clayton being willing, a bargain was struck on the spot, the price being eight hundred guineas down with a contingency of two hundred more if the mare won the Grand National.

"Ride just as if you were out hunting the first time round. After that, and not before, you can begin to look about you and see what the others are doing."

Such was the advice given to Count Kinsky, just before mounting, by a veteran trainer. And



Photo, by Dickinson and Foster.

PRINCE CHARLES KINSKY.

most people who saw the race will agree that it was carried out to the letter.

That it was a more than creditable performance on the part of Zoedone was beyond question, for not only was there more plough than usual, and the going, owing to the recent heavy rainfall, exceptionally heavy, but the fences this year were on a much larger scale than usual.



VOLUPTUARY.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1884.

*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. J. Wilson.*

VOLUPTUARY.

1884.

1. Mr. H. F. Boyd's b. g. *Voluptuary*, by Cremorne—Miss Evelyn, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb. Mr. E. P. Wilson.
 2. Mr. A. Maher's b. m. *Frigate*, by Gunboat—Fair Maid of Kent, 6 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb. (including 7 lb. extra) Mr. H. Beasley.
 3. Capt. Fisher's br. g. *Roquefort*, by Winslow—Cream Cheese, 5 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb. J. Childs.
Count Kinsky's *Zoedone*, 12 st. 2 lb. Owner.
Mr. J. Gubbins' *Zitella*, 12 st. Mr. T. Beasley.
Mr. J. B. Leigh's *Cyrus*, 11 st. 12 lb. J. Jewitt.
Capt. Machell's *Regal*, 11 st. 6 lb. ... W. Hunt.
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales' *The Scot*, 11 st. 3 lb. J. Jones.
Mr. R. Sheriffe's *Albert Cecil*, 11 st. 2 lb. Owner.
Mr. Oehlschlaeger's *Idea*, 10 st. 12 lb. (including 5 lb. extra) Mr. W. H. Moore.
Mr. P. George's *Black Prince*, 10 st. 11 lb. Mr. T. Widger.

Mr. E. W. Tritton's *Satellite*, 10 st. 5 lb.

Mr. J. Beasley.

Sir W. Eden's *Tom Jones*, 10 st. 4 lb.

Capt. Lee-Barber.

Lord Rossmore's *Cortolvin*, 10 st. Capt. Smith.

Duke of Hamilton's *Terrier*, 10 st.

Mr. D. Thirlwell.

Winner trained by Mr. T. Wilson, jun., Herrington,
Warwickshire.

BETTING AT THE START.

6 to 1 agst. The Scot.	100 to 7 agst. Zoedone.
8 „ 1 „ Satellite.	100 „ 7 „ Zitella.
100 „ 12 „ Cortolvin.	100 „ 6 „ Idea.
9 „ 1 „ Roquefort.	20 „ 1 „ Regal.
9 „ 1 „ Cyrus.	25 „ 1 „ Tom Jones.
10 „ 1 „ Frigate.	33 „ 1 „ Terrier.
10 „ 1 „ Voluptuary.	50 „ 1 „ Any other.

PLACE BETTING.

2 to 1 agst. Frigate.	5 to 2 agst. Black Prince.
2 „ 1 „ The Scot.	7 „ 2 „ Zitella.
2 „ 1 „ Voluptuary.	7 „ 2 „ Cortolvin.
2 „ 1 „ Roquefort.	9 „ 2 „ Idea.
2 „ 1 „ Satellite.	5 „ 1 „ Terrier.
9 „ 4 „ Zoedone.	6 „ 1 „ Tom Jones.
5 „ 2 „ Cyrus.	10 „ 1 „ Regal.

THE RACE.

When the flag fell to a capital start at the first attempt, The Scot was first away. Regal, Cyrus, Cortolvin, Frigate, Black Prince, and Satellite following close at his heels.

Owing to the thick mist which prevailed it was difficult for those at a distance to see what the horses were doing.

However, Cortolvin could be made out bang in front and was first over Becher's Brook, and there was no material change until coming to the water in front of the stand, which Regal cleared in advance of the rest.

Entering the country for the second time Cortolvin once more took up the running, and shortly after passing Becher's Brook The Scot's chance of winning was extinguished by his jumping into, instead of over a fence.

Regal falling lame, was pulled up shortly afterwards, and about a mile and a quarter from home Tom Jones came to grief.

Nearing the race-course it was plain that only six were in the hunt, viz., Zoedone, Black Prince, Cyrus, Roquefort, Frigate, and Voluptuary, and of these Zoedone, Cyrus, and Black Prince were beaten

directly they entered the straight. From this point the race was reduced to a match between Voluptuary and Frigate, who came away by themselves, and though the Irish mare momentarily flattered her backers, she hit the last hurdle very hard, and Voluptuary flying it in splendid fashion, galloped in a clever winner by four lengths. Six lengths away Roquefort was third.

Time : 10 minutes 5 seconds.

Sundry circumstances conspired to prevent the Grand National of 1884 being the social success predicted for it with more than usual confidence.

To begin with, the day was dull and overcast, and the course itself enveloped in such a thick mist that hardly anything of what the horses were doing could be seen from the stand.

Then The Scot, who not only carried the confidence of his Royal owner, but that of a large proportion of the sporting public as well, must needs jump into a fence instead of over it, when looking as dangerous as anything.

Finally, hardly had the winner passed the post, when a telegram was handed to the Prince conveying the sad news of his brother the Duke of Albany's sudden death.

Needless to say, this untoward event cast a gloom over the proceedings for the rest of the day, and though it was not deemed expedient to postpone racing, several prominent owners, notably the Duke of Montrose and Sir George Chetwynd, declined to start their horses.

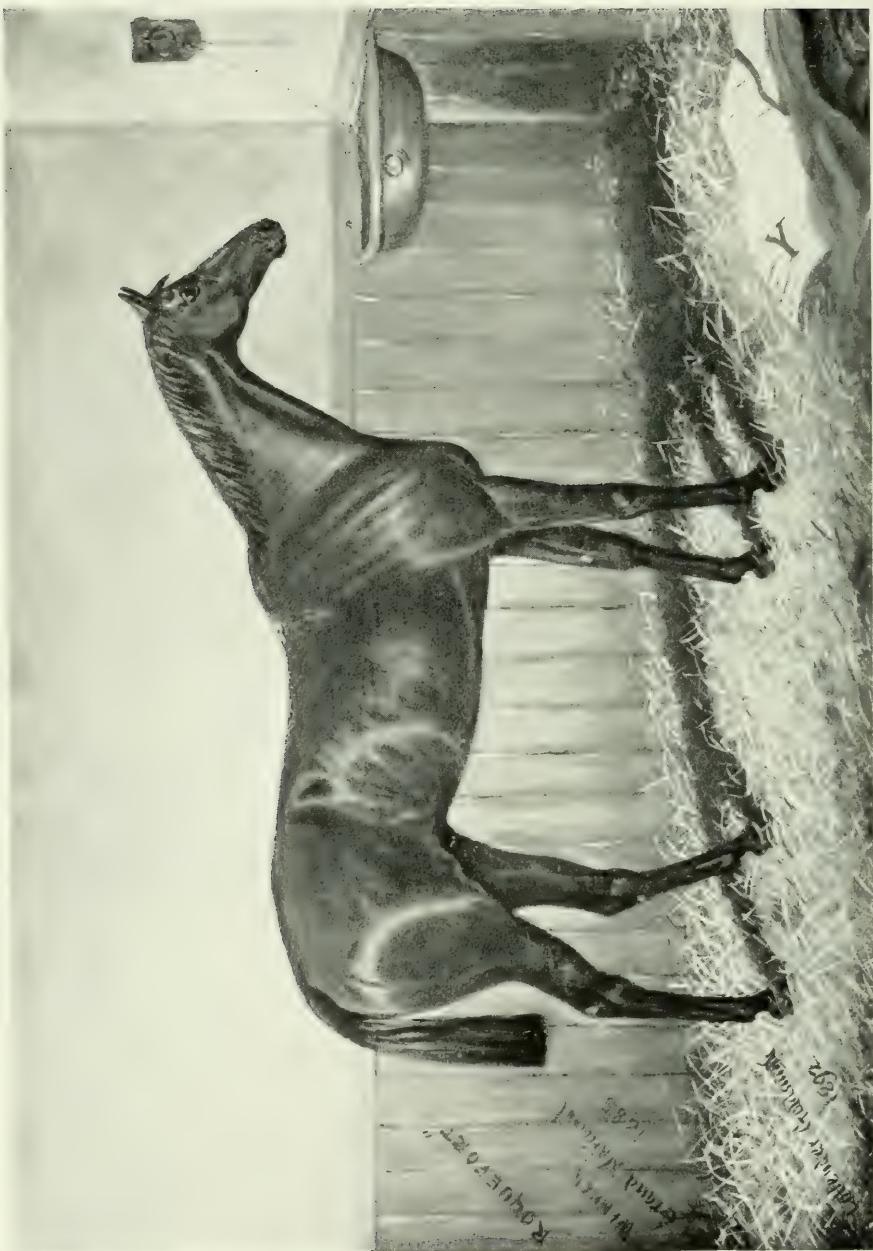
The winner's was certainly a remarkable performance, for this was the first time the horse had ever gone over a country in public.

His racing career at an end, *Voluptuary* was sold to Mr. Leonard Boyne, the well-known actor, who nightly appeared on his back in the Grand National scene, in the sensational drama of the "Prodigal Daughter," then being played to crowded houses at Drury Lane Theatre, Lord Rosebery's cast-off jumping the water night after night in quite as brilliant a style as he had done at Aintree.

Uproarious though the applause was which invariably accompanied this performance, it was nothing to the shout of delight from the gallery which greeted the unhappy jockey who, for an extra fee of five shillings, nightly tumbled into the water for their delectation.

Steeplechase jockeys, with few exceptions, are none too highly paid at any time; but we question

whether so moderate a riding fee as that just mentioned would be accepted by any member of their precarious calling, no matter what his circumstances might be.



*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. A. Yates.*

ROQUEFORT.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1885.

ROQUEFORT.

1885.

1. Mr. A. Cooper's b. g. *Roquefort*, by Winslow—
Cream Cheese, 6 yrs., 11 st. Mr. E. P. Wilson.
2. Mr. Maher's b. m. *Frigate*, by Gunboat—Fair
Maid of Kent, a., 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
3. Capt. Machell's bl. g. *Black Prince*, by Warden
of Galway—Empress, a., 10 st. 5 lb.
T. Skelton.
- Count Ch. Kinsky's ch. m. *Zoedone*, 11 st. 11 lb.
Owner.
- Mr. Hungerford's *Lioness*, 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. G. Lambton.
- Capt. E. R. Owen's *Kilworth*, 11 st. 6 lb.
Owner.
- Mr. H. B. Craig's *Candahar*, 10 st. 12 lb.
W. Hunt.
- Mr. Dane's *Jolly Sir John*, 10 st. 12 lb.
W. Nightingall.
- Mr. James Daly's *Belmont*, 10 st. 11 lb.
W. D. Canavan.

Mr. R. Sheriff's *Albert Cecil*, 10 st. 9 lb.

J. Childs.

Mr. H. de Windt's *Lang Sync*, 10 st. 8 lb. (including 5 lb. extra) T. Hall.

Mr. J. Rutherford's *Axminster*, 10 st. 7 lb. Sayers.

Capt. Armitage's *Red Hussar*, 10 st. 7 lb. Owner.

Mr. H. T. Barclay's *Ben More*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Mr. W. H. Moore.

Mr. C. Ascher's *Dog Fox*, 10 st. 3 lb.

Capt. Lee-Barber.

Mr. Zigomala's *Redpath*, 10 st. 3 lb.

Mr. A. Coventry.

Duke of Hamilton's *Harlequin*, 10 st.

D. Sensier.

Mr. E. Jay's *Gamecock*, 10 st. ... W. E. Stephens.

Colonel J. Lloyd's *Downpatrick*, 10 st.

Capt. W. B. Morris.

Winner trained by Swatton.

START BETTING.

100 to 30 agst. Roquefort.	25 to 1 agst. Candahar.
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5 „ 1 „ Zoedone.	25 „ 1 „ Dog Fox.
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7 „ 1 „ Frigate.	25 „ 1 „ Axminster.
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10 „ 1 „ Kilworth.	33 „ 1 „ Black Prince.
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100 „ 8 „ Ben More.	50 „ 1 „ Red Hussar.
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100 „ 6 „ Belmont.	50 „ 1 „ Harlequin.
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20 „ 1 „ Redpath.	50 „ 1 „ Jolly Sir John.
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20 „ 1 „ Downpatrick.	50 „ 1 „ Gamecock.
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20 „ 1 „ Albert Cecil.	
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PLACE BETTING.

Evens agst. Roquefort.
6 to 4 " Frigate.
7 1 " Black Prince.

THE RACE.

At the second attempt a good start was made, Black Prince showing the way to Candahar, Frigate, Axminster, Redpath and Ben More, Zoedone even at the start showing right at the rear.

At the first fence Harlequin came down, Roquefort and Dog Fox taking second and third places respectively, followed by Albert Cecil and Axminster. By the time Becher's Brook was reached Black Prince had again gone to the front, and went on from Roquefort, Albert Cecil, Axminster and Ben More, Kilworth falling at the ditch-and-hedge fence.

Going on thence to Valentine's Brook Downpatrick rushed to the front and showed the way to Red Hussar, Black Prince and Gamecock, with Roquefort, Albert Cecil and Axminster next.

Approaching the canal bridge Belmont, Dog Fox, Black Prince, Albert Cecil and Red Hussar again formed the first division, but as they came on to the course Downpatrick again rushed to the

front, but gave way before reaching the water in front of the stand to Red Hussar, who cleared it in advance of Lang Syne, Frigate, Downpatrick and Roquefort.

At the fence before Becher's Brook Zoedone fell, lying prostrate for some time, whilst Candahar refused at the brook and was pulled up, as was Belmont after clearing it. At the next fence Ben More fell.

Meanwhile Gamecock had got up to the leaders and after Valentine's Brook had been crossed he got the lead for the first time, but not for long, for at the ditch-and-fence rail near the canal bridge he also came to grief.

Dog Fox was the first to reach the race-course, followed by Roquefort, Redpath and Frigate.

When fairly in the line for home, however, Roquefort resumed the lead, and though vigorously challenged by Frigate at the second flight of hurdles from home, he held his own to the end, winning easily in the end by two lengths.

Black Prince was third, four lengths away, Redpath was fourth, Axminster fifth, Albert Cecil sixth, Dog Fox seventh, Lioness eighth, and Red Hussar ninth.

Time : 10 minutes 10 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,035.

The race this year was a memorable one, if only on account of the detestable act of villainy which, elaborately planned and successfully carried out, deprived Count—now Prince—Charles Kinsky of the great chance he unquestionably possessed of winning the Grand National for the second time on his favourite mare, Zoedone. Some days before the race, her owner had been warned by anonymous correspondents that a plot was on foot to make his mare “safe,” and the necessary precautions were at once taken to prevent anything of the sort taking place. Detectives guarded her night and day—in fact, everything was done that could be done. To make doubly sure, it was arranged that, instead of being brought into the crowded paddock, Zoedone should be saddled at the stables, the Count mounting her on the course, outside. Unfortunately, as is often the case, the very thing happened they wished to avoid, for when having duly weighed out, the Count and Captain Owen, who was to ride Kilworth, left the paddock to get to their horses as arranged, there was such a crowd all over the course that they couldn’t find them for ever so long.

Doffing his overcoat, Count Kinsky was just about to get into the saddle, when noticing a spot of blood on the white sleeve of his jacket, against

which Zoedone had rubbed her muzzle a moment before, he asked the lad whether he had noticed any bleeding from her mouth, and being answered in the negative, made a further examination, with the result that he discovered in the vicinity of the nostril a minute puncture such as might have been caused by a pin or a needle.

With the warnings he had received fresh in his mind's eye, Count Kinsky naturally had his misgivings. However, there was no help for it now, and the next instant he was in the saddle and had started on what proved to be the most uncomfortable ride he ever had in his life.

Her rider's gloomy forebodings were not long being realised, for Zoedone, who had moved down in most listless fashion, on being sent at the preliminary hurdle, jumped straight up in the air and fell heavily the other side, severely shaking Count Kinsky, who, however, pluckily remounted and joined the rest at the post. The Duke of Portland, who was standing close by, told her owner afterwards that the mare's fore-legs were drawn up under her, as if she were in great pain.

When the flag fell, Zoedone rolled about, as her rider expressed it, like a drunken man, and but for the knowledge that all his friends were on the mare

to a man, he would have pulled her up there and then.

As it was he got her along somehow, the climax not arriving until the fence before Becher's Brook was arrived at the second time when Zoedone, jumping straight up in the air, as she did at the preliminary hurdle, fell heavily the other side, where she lay in an inanimate condition for upwards of a quarter of an hour, at the end of which time the poor thing was moved with great difficulty to her stable.

Fortunately, beyond a severe shaking, Count Kinsky was not much hurt. It would indeed have been hard after such a fine exhibition of courage and unselfishness on his part, had it been otherwise.

The theory was that some scoundrel, specially told off for the purpose, managed to inject some deadly poison (hartshorn, it was thought) by means of a small syringe. No doubt the work of an expert and done in a second, the regret is that the culprit was never discovered and brought to justice.

As for Zoedone, she was never the same mare again. Absolutely useless for racing purposes, she was put to the stud and threw a couple of foals, neither of which, however, were of any account.

The reasons for this diabolical outrage were not far to seek. Zoedone, who had been pounced upon by the public as the probable winner, the moment the weights were out, had been coupled with Bendigo in many large double event bets for the Lincoln Handicap and Grand National.

As we all know, Bendigo won the former race, and the layers of odds being left in a very unpleasant position in consequence, and unwilling to take any risks, like the cowardly brutes they were, adopted the only course left open to them, with what success we have just recorded.

It is not often that one hears of the same roof-tree sheltering the owners of the respective favourites for the Lincoln Handicap and Grand National at one and the same time, but it happened so in this instance, Mr. Hedworth Barclay, owner of Bendigo, and Count Charles Kinsky sharing the same hunting box.

Alluding to the subject in his own article in the *Sporting Times* of the following day, Mr. John Corlett thus forcibly expressed himself:—

“ Though the case of Zoedone is merely one of suspicion, there is much reason to fear that that suspicion is well founded. The magnificent

Zoedone, the finest jumper in the world! Zoedone, who has twice gone the Grand National course without making the slightest mistake! Zoedone the safest conveyance in the race!

“Zoedone, as honest a mare as ever peeped through a bridle! Zoedone so exhausted that after a mile and a half she could not get out of a ditch! Where is the villain? Let us find him and poison him!”

The Grand National course this year was all grass, and it was railed in on the inside for its length.

The following description of the Grand National fences as they were in 1885, will no doubt prove interesting to our readers:—

- 2 and 17. Thorn fence 5 feet high, with a rail on the take-off side 3 feet high.
- 3 and 18. Thorn fence 4 feet 6 inches high, with a rail 2 feet high and a ditch on the take-off side 6 feet 8 inches wide and 3 feet deep.
- 4 and 19. Rail and fence, the rail being 2 feet 6 inches high, a space of 18 inches to 2 feet separating rail and fence.
- 5 and 20. Ordinary hurdle, 3 feet 6 inches high, and bushed with gorse.

- 6 and 21. Becher's Brook: a thick thorn fence, 4 feet 6 inches high, with a rail 2 feet 6 inches in front, with a natural brook about 9 feet to $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide on the far side, and 6 feet deep.
- 7 and 22. Thorn fence $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, with rail in front $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet high.
- 8 and 23. Thorn fence 5 feet high, with rail 2 feet high and ditch on the take-off side between 5 feet and 6 feet wide.
- 9 and 24. Valentine's Brook: a thorn fence 5 feet high, with a rail in front 2 feet high and a brook on far side.
- 10 and 25. Ordinary hurdle 3 feet 6 inches high and bushed with gorse.
- 11 and 26. Rail 2 feet high, ditch about 6 feet wide and 3 feet deep, and thorn fence on far side 4 feet 6 inches high.
- 12 and 27. Rail 2 feet high, a fence 5 feet high, and ditch on far side 5 feet wide.
13. Ordinary hurdle 3 feet 6 inches high, and bushed with gorse.
14. Thorn fence 4 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet in width, rail 2 feet high, and ditch on take-off side 6 feet wide.

15. Water jump, 12 feet 3 inches wide and 2 feet deep, with a perpendicular thorn fence in front a foot thick, and about 2 feet wide.
- 28, 29, and 30. Hurdles 3 feet 6 inches high and bushed with gorse.

OLD JOE.

1886.

1. Mr. Douglas' b. g. *Old Joe*, by Barefoot—Spot,
aged, 10 st. 9 lb. T. Skelton.
2. Count Erdody's br. g. *Too Good*, by Ingomar
or Uncas—Mary Hyland, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
3. Mr. E. Jay's b. g. *Gamecock*, by Revolver—
Lightning, a., 10 st. 12 lb. W. E. Stephens.
4. Mr. E. Woodland's bl. g. *Magpie*, by Pell Mell
—Sister to Hazeldene, a., 10 st. 5 lb. (carried
5 lb. extra) Mr. W. Woodland.
Mr. A. Cooper's *Roquefort*, 12 st. 3 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Mr. Broadwood's *Frigate*, 11 st. 13 lb. J. Jones.
- Mr. Abington's *Cortolvin*, 11 st. 2 lb.
W. Dollery.
- Mr. P. J. Zigomala's *Redpath*, 11 st. 7 lb.
Hon. G. Lambton.
- Mr. F. Gibhard's *Jolly Sir John*, 11 st. 6 lb.
Mr. C. W. Waller.



MR. E. HERON MAXWELL. MR. A. J. DOUGLAS, OWNER. OLD JOE, WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1886.
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of Colon. J. E. Ward.*

GEORGE MULCASTER.

Capt. Machell's *Black Prince*, 10 st. 12 lb.

W. Nightingall.

M. Zborowski's *Billet Doux*, 10 st. 11 lb.

J. Behan.

Mr. E. Woodland's *The Liberator*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Mr. S. Woodland, jun.

Mr. J. Daly's *Belmont*, 10 st. 10 lb. Westlake.

Mr. J. Purcell's *Harristown*, 10 st. 7 lb. Owner.

Mr. J. G. Muir's *Coronet*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Capt. Lee-Barber.

Mr. P. M. V. Saurin's *Lady Tempest*, 10 st. 5 lb.

Mr. W. Beasley.

Mr. Iquique's *Fontenoy*, 10 st. 4 lb. J. Page.

Mr. L. de Rothschild's *Sinbad*, 10 st. 3 lb.

A. Hall.

Baron C. de Tuyll's *The Badger*, 10 st. 3 lb.

A. Nightingall.

Baron W. Schroeder's *Savoyard*, 10 st. 3 lb.

G. Kirby.

M. Zborowski's *Limekiln*, 10 st. 2 lb.

W. Brockwell.

Mr. H. Wood's *Amicia*, 10 st.... F. W. Cotton.

Capt. Child's *Conscript*, 10 st. H. Escott.

BETTING AT THE START.

3 to 1 agst. Coronet.	33 to 1 agst. Belmont.
5 „ 1 „ Roquefort.	40 „ 1 „ Jolly Sir John.
7 „ 1 „ Too Good.	50 „ 1 „ Gamecock.
9 „ 1 „ Frigate.	50 „ 1 „ Black Prince.
100 „ 6 „ Redpath.	50 „ 1 „ Cortolvin.
22 „ 1 „ Lady Tempest.	66 „ 1 „ Harristown.
22 „ 1 „ Savoyard.	100 „ 1 „ The Liberator.
25 „ 1 „ Sinbad.	100 „ 1 „ Conscript.
25 „ 1 „ Amicia.	100 „ 1 „ Billet Doux.
25 „ 1 „ Old Joe.	200 „ 1 „ Magpie.
25 „ 1 „ Badger.	200 „ 1 „ Fontenoy.

PLACE BETTING.

4 to 1 agst. Old Joe.
9 „ 4 „ Too Good.
7 „ 1 „ Gamecock.

THE RACE.

The flag fell at the first attempt, Roquefort at once taking the command, followed by Old Joe, Sinbad, and Frigate; then came Badger, Too Good, and Coronet, with Lady Tempest, Limekiln, Belmont, Gamecock. In this order they went into the country and to the first fence, where Frigate came down, Roquefort still showing the way to Old Joe, this couple being clear of Conscript, Belmont, Badger, and Lady Tempest.

At the third ditch Sinbad and Conscript fell. Gamecock then rushed to the front, being followed by Badger, Old Joe, Lady Tempest, and Coronet.

Fontenoy refused at the fence past Becher's Brook.

As they made the canal turn Lady Tempest assumed the lead, and was just clear of The Badger, with Coronet, pulling hard, third, Sir John fourth, and Gamecock fifth. Before reaching the straight Coronet had given his field the go-by, and came on, followed by The Badger, Roquefort, Cortolvin, and Magpie. As they neared the water the leading division took close order, but Coronet still maintaining his advantage was clear of Gamecock.

As they made for the country a second time Coronet held a three lengths' lead of Gamecock and Roquefort, who were side by side of Old Joe and The Badger.

The first fence was negotiated in safety by the lot, but at the "thorn fence" Belmont fell, Roquefort overjumped himself at the ditch-and-hedge fence and fell heavily, leaving Badger with second place. At Becher's Brook Limekiln fell, and shortly after Billet Doux was mercifully pulled up, dead beaten. On to Valentine's Brook came Coronet with Old Joe, Savoyard, and The Badger still in close attend-

ance. Jolly Sir John fell heavily at this jump, whilst at the ditch fence nearest the canal The Liberator came to grief.

Approaching the ditch-and-rail fence Old Joe and Badger drew nearer to the leader Coronet, about two lengths separating the trio, with Magpie and Savoyard at the head of the others. Making the line for home Coronet hung out signals of distress, and was immediately passed by Old Joe, to whom succeeded Badger and Magpie, with Too Good and Savoyard next. The latter, dead beat, fell at the last fence, and although Too Good came up with a tremendous rush he could make no sort of impression on Old Joe, who won in easy fashion by six lengths, five lengths away Gamecock was third, Magpie fourth, Badger fifth, Coronet sixth, Cortolvin seventh, Lady Tempest eighth.

Time: 10 minutes 14 3/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,361 10s.

The Irish were again to the fore, both first and second hailing from the Emerald Isle.

Old Joe is said to have played many parts in his time, going in harness when he wasn't wanted for hunting, occasionally varying the entertainment by competing for small jumping prizes at the various

horse shows—making himself generally useful in fact, being eventually sold for the “old song” price of thirty pounds.

In appreciation of their services on this occasion Mr. Douglas, the owner of Old Joe, presented his trainer with a cheque for a thousand and the stakes to his jockey.

The story of how Too Good, who ran second, acquired his name is an interesting one. The Empress of Austria, when paying a visit of inspection to Mr. Linde's at the Curragh one day, during her sojourn in Ireland, was particularly struck by the jumping capacities of one young horse, and inquired his name. Mr. Linde was obliged to confess that as yet the youngster had not been christened, but if Her Majesty would now condescend to confer a name upon him, he would be a proud man that day, etc., etc.

Readily giving her consent, the Empress considered for a minute.

“I will call him ‘Too Good,’ ” exclaimed Her Majesty.

And no doubt it would have given great pleasure to his Imperial godmother could the news have been wired to her that Too Good had reversed positions with Old Joe.

GAMECOCK.

1887.

1. Mr. E. Jay's b. g. *Gamecock*, by Revolver—
Lightfoot, aged, 11 st. ... W. Daniells.
2. Baron W. Schroeder's ch. g. *Savoyard*, by New
Oswestry—Solferino, a., 10 st. 13 lb.
T. Skelton.
3. Lord Wolverton's ch. g. *Johnny Longtail*, by
Polardine—Debonnaire, a., 10 st. 6 lb.
Childs.
Mr. James Lee's *Roquefort*, 12 st. 8 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
Count G. Erdody's *Too Good*, 12 st.
Mr. H. Beasley.
Mr. A. J. Douglas' *Old Joe*, 11 st. 10 lb.
Mr. C. J. Cunningham.
Mr. Popham's *Chancery*, 11 st. 6 lb. ... Dollery.
Mr. F. E. Lawrence's *Frigate*, 11 st. 5 lb.
Mr. Lawrence.
Captain Foster's *Chancellor*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. W. Moore.



*From a picture in the possession
of Mr. A. Yates.*

GAMECOCK,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1887.

Mr. George Lambton's <i>Bellona</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Mr. G. Lambton.
Sir G. Chetwynd's <i>Spectrum</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Grimes.
Mr. J. Gubbins' <i>Spahi</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Mr. T. Beasley.
Mr. E. Woodland's <i>Magpie</i> , 10 st. 10 lb.	Mr. W. Woodlands.
Mr. P. Nickalls' <i>Ballot Box</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	Captain Owen.
Mr. J. Percival's <i>Sinbad</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	W. Nightingall.
Lord Cholmondeley's <i>Hunter</i> , 10 st.	Mr. W. Beasley.
Winner trained by Jordan.	

BETTING AT THE START.

9 to 2 agst. Spahi.	20 to 1 agst. Gamecock.
7 „ 1 „ Roquefort.	20 „ 1 „ Chancellor.
100 „ 14 „ Savoyard.	22½ „ 1 „ Sinbad.
10 „ 1 „ Magpie.	33 „ 1 „ Ballot Box.
100 „ 9 „ Frigate.	35 „ 1 „ Spectrum.
100 „ 9 „ Bellona.	40 „ 1 „ Johnny Longtail.
100 „ 8 „ Old Joe.	50 „ 1 „ Hunter.
100 „ 7 „ Too Good.	100 „ 1 „ Chancery.

PLACE BETTING.

11 to 4 agst. Gamecock.
7 „ 4 „ Savoyard.
7 „ 1 „ Johnny Longtail.

THE RACE.

When after two or three breaksaway, Lord Marcus Beresford dropped the flag, Savoyard was the first to show in front, with Gamecock, Magpie, Old Joe, Chancellor, Roquefort, Frigate, Too Good, close up.

As they made their way to the country, Gamecock went to the head of affairs, followed by Roquefort, Old Joe and Savoyard, Magpie heading the others.

At the second fence Bellona and Ballot Box fell, and Gamecock was still showing the way to Savoyard, Roquefort, Magpie and Too Good, who ran side by side. At the next fence, Spahi came to grief, and Roquefort then took second place, followed by Magpie and Old Joe. After passing Becher's Brook, Old Joe rushed to the front, followed in the order named by Frigate, Magpie, Hunter and Gamecock, but was passed going through the plough by Frigate, Old Joe taking third place.

Coming into the straight, Hunter fell, and Old Joe came on from Magpie and Johnny Longtail to the water-jump, which Spectrum cleared just in front of Magpie, Johnny Longtail, Chancellor, Savoyard, Old Joe, Gamecock, Chancery, etc., with Frigate last. In this order they made for the country a second time.

Approaching Becher's Brook, Savoyard drew to the front, followed by Chancellor, the pair being clear of Johnny Longtail.

At Valentine's Brook the order was Chancellor first, Johnny Longtail second, Savoyard third, and Sinbad last.

Chancellor was first on to the course, before reaching which, Spectrum fell, but coming round the bend, was passed by Savoyard, who took the lead, followed by Gamecock, Chancellor, Roquefort and Too Good.

Entering the straight, Chancellor and Roquefort changed positions.

Before reaching the hurdles in the straight, the rider of Savoyard suddenly raised his whip, and Roquefort swerving in consequence, fell over the rails, cutting himself badly. The last obstacle was taken by Gamecock and Savoyard together, but the former gradually wearing the latter down, won cleverly, at last, by three lengths.

Johnny Longtail was a bad third, Chancellor fourth, Chancery fifth, Too Good sixth, Magpie (dismounted) seventh.

Time : 10 minutes 10 1/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,216 15s.

PLAYFAIR.

1888.

1. Mr. E. W. Baird's bl. g. *Playfair*, by Rippenden
dam by Rattlebones—Drayton, aged,
10 st. 7 lb. Mawson.
2. Mr. Maher's b. m. *Frigate*, by Gunboat—Maid
of Kent, a., 11 st. 2 lb. ... Mr. W. Beasley.
3. Mr. P. Nickall's br. g. *Ballot Box*, by Candidate
—Susan, a., 12 st. 4 lb. ... W. Nightingall.
4. Lord Rodney's bl. m., *Ringlet*, by Highborn—
Ladywell, a., 11 st. 11 lb. ... T. Skelton.
Mr. J. Gubbins' *Usna*, 12 st. 7 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
- Mr. E. Benzon's *Gamecock*, 12 st. 4 lb.
Capt. E. R. Owen.
- Baron W. Schroeder's *Savoyard*, 12 st. 4 lb.
Mr. G. Lambton.
- Mr. A. Yates' *Johnny Longtail*, 12 st. (including
7 lb. extra) Dollery.
- Mr. T. B. Miller's *Bellona*, 11 st. 12 lb. (including
5 lb. extra) Mr. C. J. Cunningham.
- Mr. J. Gubbins' *Spahi*, 11 st. 9 lb. T. Kavanagh.



MR. T. CANNON,

*Is on a fine horse in the possession
of Mr. T. Cannon.*

PLAYFAIR.

WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1888.

Mr. A. J. Douglas' *Old Joe*, 11 st. 9 lb.

W. Daniells.

Mr. E. Wardour's *Chancellor*, 11 st. 5 lb.

Mr. W. H. Moore.

Baron C. de Tuyll's *The Badger*, 11 st. 1 lb.

A. Nightingall.

Mr. L. de Rothschild's *Aladdin*, 11 st.

Mr. C. W. Waller.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' *Magic*, 10 st. 12 lb.

A. Hall.

Mr. T. Brinckman's *Kinfauns*, 10 st. 10 lb.

J. Page.

Lord Cholmondeley's *The Fawn*, 10 st. 6 lb.

Mr. E. P. Wilson.

Mr. Churtin's *Trap*, 10 st. 6 lb. ... G. Lowe.

Mr. Abington's *Jeanie*, 10 st. 6 lb. H. Barker.

Mr. Adrian's *Cork*, 10 st. 6 lb. Mr. W. Woodland.

BETTING.

7 to 1 agst. Usna,	25 to 1 agst. Ballot Box.
8 „ 1 „ Chancellor.	25 „ 1 „ Savoyard.
10 „ 1 „ The Badger.	25 „ 1 „ Magic.
100 „ 9 „ Ringlet.	33 „ 1 „ Aladdin.
100 „ 8 „ Frigate.	33 „ 1 „ Spahi.
100 „ 6 „ Bellona.	40 „ 1 „ Playfair.
18 „ 1 „ Old Joe.	40 „ 1 „ Johnny Longtail.
20 „ 1 „ Gamecock.	100 „ 1 „ Kinfauns.
20 „ 1 „ Trap.	100 „ 1 „ Cork.
20 „ 1 „ The Fawn.	1000 „ 5 „ Jeanie.

PLACE BETTING.

3 to 1 agst. Frigate.
4 „ 1 „ Ballot Box.
7 „ 1 „ Playfair.

THE RACE.

The flag fell without a failure, and Trap and Ringlet with inside berths at once went to the front from Old Joe, The Fawn, Savoyard, Jeanie and Bellona. The leaders made use of their position for the first quarter of a mile, and Ringlet jumped the opening fence only just clear of Old Joe, Trap, Jeanie and The Fawn. Aladdin now headed the second division, together with Savoyard.

The Fawn came to grief at the third fence, Spahi and Kinfauns refusing at the next. Here Ringlet, Old Joe, Aladdin, Trap, and Chancellor were in the first flight and remained so till at Becher's Brook where the magnificently leaping Ballot Box carried his colours to the fore. At Valentine's Cork dropped his hind legs and went no further.

Along the canal side Aladdin was in command from Johnny Longtail, Ballot Box, Badger, Usna, and Playfair, and here Usna took up the running, and being followed on to the race-course by Aladdin, Frigate and Johnny Longtail.

Bellona fell and rolled at the first of the next fences, which Aladdin and Frigate cleared side by side from Ballot Box, Johnny Longtail, Playfair and Chancellor, Aladdin being first over the water beyond.

On re-entering the country Trap rolled over and broke Lowe's collar-bone ; meanwhile, Aladdin was still at the head of affairs, Ballot Box lying second, the pair profiting, when Valentine's was reached, by Usna, instead of turning for home, bolting to the left and carried Frigate with him, causing her to lose a lot of ground.

On reaching the race-course Magic was beaten, and with Savoyard falling two fences from home and Ringlet rapidly tiring, the race was left to Playfair and Frigate. The latter was first over the last fence



COL. E. W. BAIRD.

but she couldn't live with Playfair, who heading her a short distance from home, won in a canter by ten lengths. Ballot Box, who caught Ringlet in the last hundred yards, was third, four lengths away Aladdin was fifth, Jeanie sixth, Gamecock seventh, and Magic eighth.

Time : 10 minutes 12 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,181 5s.

Though he had won a three mile hurdle race a short time before, Playfair, who formerly belonged to Mr. Barclay, was to all intents and purposes a comparative novice over a country, and this coupled with the fact that he hailed from a non-betting stable, accounted probably for his starting at the long price he did.

So remote a chance was he supposed to possess indeed by those not behind the scenes, that a well-known professional, then in the zenith of his fame, on being offered the mount, declined the same with contumely. "Fancy asking *me*!" exclaimed the great man in his wrath. Needless to say, Mawson, who like Playfair was a comparative stranger to race-goers in general, proved an excellent substitute.

The Prince of Wales, who was present to see his horse run, was represented in the race by Magic,

who however could only get eighth, which might possibly have been nearer, had he not overreached badly at, curiously enough, the same fence which proved fatal to The Scot, who had carried the Royal colours in the race on a previous occasion.

FRIGATE.

1889.

This year the race became a steeplechase of 1,500 sovs. Otherwise the conditions were the same as usual.

1. Mr. M. A. Maher's b. m. *Frigate*, by Gunboat—
Fair Maid of Kent, aged, 11 st. 4 lb.
Mr. T. Beasley.
2. Mr. B. J. Jardine's b. g. *Why Not*, by Castle-reagh—Twitter, a., 11 st. 5 lb.
Mr. C. J. Cunningham.
3. Mr. Rutherford's ch. g. *M.P.*, by Minstrel—dam
of Blood Royal, a., 10 st. 9 lb. A. Nightingall.
Mr. P. Nickalls' br. g. *Ballot Box*, 12 st. 7 lb.
W. Nightingall.
- Mr. Abington's *Roquefort*, 12 st.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Mr. Strong's *Gamecock*, 11 st. 12 lb. ... Dollery.
- Mr. Noel Fenwick's *Ringlet*, 11 st. 12 lb.
(including 7 lb. extra) Walsh.
- Baron W. Schroeder's *Savoyard*, 11 st. 11 lb.
Mr. G. Lambton.

Mr. H. F. Boyd's *Voluptuary*, 11 st. 3 lb.

T. Skelton.

Mr. Abington's *Bellona*, 11 st. 2 lb.

Mr. C. W. Waller.

Lord Dudley's *Kilworth*, 10 st. 13 lb.

Capt. E. R. Owen.

Count N. Esterhazy's *Et Cetera*, 10 st. 13 lb,

G. Morris.

Mr. O. H. Jones' *Glenthorpe*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Mr. W. H. Moore.

Lord Cholmondeley's *The Fawn*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Mr. W. Beasley.

The Prince of Wales' *Magic*, 10 st. 9 lb. Jones.

Mr. W. Fulton's *Battle Royal*, 10 st. 8 lb.

Mr. H. Beasley.

Capt. Childe's *Merry Maiden*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Capt. Lee-Barber.

The Prince of Wales' *Hettie*, 10 st. 5 lb.

A. Hall.

Lord Dudley's *The Sikh*, 10 st. 9 lb.

Mr. D. Thirlwell.

Mr. B. W. J. Alexander's *Great Paul*, 10 st.

Ellis.

STARTING PRICES.

6 to 1 agst.	Roquefort.	25 to 1 agst.	Savoyard.
8 „ 1 „	Et Cetera.	25 „ 1 „	The Fawn.
8 „ 1 „	Frigate.	25 „ 1 „	Battle Royal.
10 „ 1 „	Glenthorpe.	25 „ 1 „	Magic.
100 „ 9 „	Why Not.	33 „ 1 „	Gamecock.
100 „ 9 „	The Sikh.	40 „ 1 „	Kilworth.
100 „ 6 „	Voluptuary.	66 „ 1 „	Ringlet.
20 „ 1 „	Ballot Box.	66 „ 1 „	Hettie.
20 „ 1 „	M.P.	66 „ 1 „	Merry Maiden.
20 „ 1 „	Bellona.	200 „ 1 „	Great Paul.

PLACE BETTING.

6 to 4 agst.	Frigate.
5 „ 2 „	Why Not.
3 „ 1 „	M.P.

Time: 10 minutes 1 1/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,234 5s.

THE RACE.

After one breakaway in which old Gamecock ran nearly to the first fence, and another in which Roquefort declined to move at all, the flag fell to a good start.

Dashing off at score, Voluptuary quickly took up the lead, followed closely by Why Not, with Hettie, Frigate, Kilworth and Magic just in front of The Sikh, Ringlet and M.P., Bellona bringing up the rear.

Voluptuary, settling down with the lead, jumped the first fence just in front of Roquefort, who now took second place with Why Not, M.P. and Glenthorpe close up.

Merry Maiden refused thus early, bringing down Savoyard, whilst at the third obstacle Hettie and Et Cetera fell, whilst Ballot Box, whose bridle had slipped off, also came down.

Kilworth having refused at Becher's Brook, the field was now reduced to fourteen, Voluptuary leading with M.P. just behind, while Roquefort dropped back third in close company with Why Not, this quartette being clear of Gamecock, The Sikh and The Fawn, the lot being whipped in by Ringlet. At Valentine's Great Paul, coming through, joined issue with The Fawn and Gamecock ; M.P. and Voluptuary being passed by the trio, Frigate, all by herself, coming next.

Racing along the canal side M.P. resumed the lead, with Gamecock second and Voluptuary third. At the canal point Gamecock rushed through his horses and took up the running, and came over the open ditch with Why Not at his quarters, attended by The Fawn, Battle Royal and M.P. in close order.

At the water The Fawn headed Why Not, but turning into the country a second time gave way

again to Mr. Jardine's horse, the pair keeping close company, clear of Gamecock. At the second fence The Fawn again took the lead from Why Not, the positions being again reversed at Becher's Brook.

At the next fence Voluptuary fell, and M.P. assumed the lead at Valentine's, Why Not taking second place and Roquefort third, the latter falling at the ditch and fence before reaching the bridge.

Coming on to the race-course M.P. was done with, and Bellona giving way at the second fence from home, Why Not cleared the obstacle three lengths ahead of Frigate, who, however, quickly reduced the gap, and heading Why Not at the last fence with a three lengths' lead, went on and won an exciting race by a length. M.P., a long way behind, came in third, Bellona fourth, Magic fifth, The Sikh sixth, The Fawn seventh, Ringlet eighth, Battle Royal ninth, and Gamecock tenth.

This was the sixth occasion Frigate, now eleven years old, had put in an appearance in the Grand National, and being a most consistent performer and a great favourite with the public generally, it goes without saying that the victory of Mr. Maher's good mare was received with acclamation. The Prince of Wales ran two in the race this year, Magic and Hettie, the former improving upon his

performance the previous year, when he fell, by coming in fifth on this occasion.

Frigate, who was bred by her owner, Mr. M. A. Maher, made her first appearance in the Grand National of 1884, when she ran second to Voluptuary, and won the Sefton Steeplechase the following day. In 1885 she was again second in the Grand National, and also won the Middlesex Steeplechase Handicap at Kempton Park.

In 1886 and 1887 she ran without success. In 1888 she again ran into her old place, being second to Playfair, and on the present occasion she won outright.

ILEX.

1890.

1. Mr. G. Masterman's ch. g. *Illex*, by Rostrevor—
Rostrum's dam, aged, 10 st. 5 lb.
A. Nightingall.
2. Mr. E. Woodland's b. h. *Pau*, by Ambergris—
Elf, a., 10 st. 3 lb. Halsey.
3. Mr. J. Rutherford's ch. g. *M.P.*, by Minstrel—
Blood Royal mare, a., 11 st. 5 lb.
Mr. W. H. Moore.
- Mr. M. A. Maher's *Frigate*, 12 st. 7 lb.
Mr. T. Beasley.
- Mr. Swan's *Gamecock*, 12 st. 6 lb. (incl. 7 lb.
extra) Dollery.
- Mr. D. J. Jardine's *Why Not*, 12 st. 5 lb.
Mr. C. J. Cunningham.
- Mr. Fulton's *Blood Royal*, 11 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Wildman.
- Mr. Abington's *Bellona*, 11 st. 9 lb. H. Barker.
- Mr. H. F. Boyd's *Voluptuary*, 11 st. 7 lb.
T. Skelton.



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WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1890.

11 EX.

Capt. Machell's *Emperor*, 11 st. 1 lb.

Mr. D. Thirlwell.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence's *Braceborough*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Owner.

M. M. Euphrussi's *Fetiche*, 10 st. 12 lb. V. Baker.

H.R.H. Prince of Wales's *Hettie*, 10 st. 11 lb.

Mr. E. P. Wilson.

Mr. R. Woodland's *Baccy*, 10 st. 8 lb.

Mr. W. Woodland.

Mr. Lancashire's *Brunswick*, 10 st. 4 lb. Mawson.

Mr. H. Holmes' *Fireball*, 10 st. 4 lb. D. Comer.

Winner trained by Nightingall.

BETTING AT THE START.

4 to 1 agst. Ilex.	20 to 1 agst. Gamecock.
11 „ 2 „ Bellona.	25 „ 1 „ Fetiche.
8 „ 1 „ M.P.	25 „ 1 „ Hettie.
100 „ 9 „ Why Not.	100 „ 1 „ Baccy.
10 „ 1 „ Voluptuary.	100 „ 1 „ Brunswick.
100 „ 8 „ Battle Royal.	100 „ 1 „ Braceborough.
100 „ 7 „ Frigate.	100 „ 1 „ Fireball.
100 „ 6 „ Emperor.	100 „ 1 „ Pau.

PLACE BETTING.

7 to 4 agst. Ilex.
20 „ 1 „ Pau.
6 „ 4 „ M.P.

Time : 10 minutes 4/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,665.

THE RACE.

After one breakaway the sixteen starters were despatched to a capital start, Gamecock making play with a slight lead of M.P., Ilex and Why Not, with Voluptuary and Baccy on the right, clear of Bellona, Pau and Brunswick.

At the first fence in the country Gamecock was clear of M.P., Brunswick being third in front of Ilex, Baccy and Pau. Then came Why Not, heading Emperor, Battle Royal next, Voluptuary and Hettie whipping in. After taking the second fence the position of the leaders was little altered except that Emperor improved his position.

At the fourth fence Why Not came down, but was remounted. Gamecock now showed the way over Becher's Brook, Battle Royal coming down at the next fence, whilst at the open ditch further on the field was still further depleted by the falling of Frigate, Baccy and Hettie.

At Valentine's Bellona came to grief, the thorn fence next to it bringing down old Gamecock. M.P. was now joined by Braceborough, the pair being clear of Ilex, with Fireball next six lengths in front of Voluptuary and Pau. Braceborough fell, however, at the fence before reaching the water.

Ten of the original sixteen cleared the water, over which M.P. showed the way to Ilex and Fireball, the last horse having retrieved his place from being the last during the first mile. Voluptuary was next, heading Emperor, Pau and Fetiche.

Going into the country the second time Ilex joined M.P., the pair being clear of Fireball, Brunswick and Pau, while Emperor dropped back last of all except Battle Royal. At the rail fence Fetiche came down heavily. Approaching Becher's Voluptuary improved his position, M.P. going along the canal side a length clear of Ilex, who was in turn three lengths in front of Fireball, Voluptuary and Brunswick.

At Valentine's the last named dropped away, and Ilex took up the running clear of M.P. and Pau, with Voluptuary next (Fireball having come to grief), while Brunswick brought up the rear.

At the ditch fence Voluptuary was closing up, but came down, and Pau took second place to Ilex, M.P. lying third.

After jumping on to the race-course M.P. began to drop astern, and Pau being done with at the second fence from home the favourite went on and won at his leisure by twelve lengths. M.P., who

pulled up very leg-weary, was a bad third. Brunswick was fourth, Why Not fifth, and Emperor sixth.

Hettie and Gamecock trotted home without having completed the course.

Skelton, on Voluptuary, broke his collar-bone.

PERFORMANCES.

Ilex, as a four-year-old in 1888, ran unplaced to Livebait, Young Glasgow, and Skinflint in the November Qualifying Hunters' Steeplechase at the Plumpton November Meeting, but he subsequently won the Selling Hunters' Plate at Leicester.

Last year, 1888, he ran second to Lawn in the Four Oaks Spring Handicap Steeplechase, unplaced to Kilworth, Fethard and Lord Chatham in the First International Handicap at the Leopardstown Spring Meeting, and, having passed into the possession of Mr. G. Masterman, he ran second to Battle Royal in the Great Sandown Steeplechase.

No less than four Grand National winners were amongst the entries in the race this year, viz.: Voluptuary, Roquefort, Gamecock and Frigate, all but the last named seeing the post.

The victory of Ilex, who had been well backed from the very commencement and started a

warm favourite at last, was exceedingly popular, Mr. Masterman having adopted an open policy all through the piece, and never attempted to conceal his belief in the ability of his horse to win, whilst Arthur Nightingall came in for his due share of praise for the able way he steered the winner, whose victory was the easiest that had been witnessed for years.

Ilex ran the two following years in the Grand National, coming in third on each occasion. After this he was used by Arthur Nightingall as a hunter, the pair becoming quite an institution at last with the Surrey packs.

COME AWAY.

1891.

1. Mr. W. G. Jameson's b. g. *Come Away*, by Cambuslang—Larkaway, a., 11 st. 12 lb.
Mr. H. Beasley.
2. Lord Dudley's b. g. *Cloister*, by Ascetic—Grace II., a., 11 st. 7 lb. Captain E. R. Owen.
3. Mr. G. Masterman's ch. g. *Ilex*, by Rostrevor—Rostrum's dam, a., 12 st. 3 lb. A. Nightingall.
4. Mr. A. Yates' b. g. *Roquefort*, by Winslow—Cream Cheese Guy.
Mr. C. Perkins' *Why Not*, 12 st. 4 lb.
Mr. Cunningham.
- Mr. Swan's *Gamecock*, 12 st. 4 lb. ... Dollery.
- Mr. Leetham's *Roman Oak*, 12 st. ... Escott.
- Mr. H. F. Boyd's *Voluptuary*, 11 st. 3 lb.
Mr. E. P. Wilson.
- Captain Machell's *Emperor*, 11 st. 3 lb.
W. Nightingall.
- Lord Zetland's *Choufleur*, 11 st. 3 lb. T. Kavanagh.
- Sir James Miller's *Veil*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Mr. W. H. Moore.



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COME AWAY.
MR. H. BEASLEY,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1891.

Mr. W. H. Russell's *Dominion*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Thornton.

Major Bunbury's *Cruiser*, 10 st. 8 lb.

Mr. T. Beasley.

Mr. G. H. Archer's *Grape Vine*, 10 st. 7 lb
J. Hoysted.

Mr. Abington's *Jeanie*, 10 st. 4 lb. H. Barker.

Mr. H. W. Lancashire's *Brunswick*, 10 st. 4 lb.
Mawson.

Mr. Charter's *Flower of the Forest*, 10 st. 4 lb.
P. Clark.

Mr. W. Gordon Canning's *Young Glasgow*, 10 st.
3 lb. R. Mitchell.

Mr. H. Holmes' *Fireball*, 10 st. ... Halsey.

Mr. E. H. Wolton's *Adelaide*, 10 st. Mr. Ripley.

Mr. F. Gallane's *Nasr ed Din*, 10 st. H. Brown.

Winner trained in Ireland.

BETTING AT THE START.

4 to 1 agst.	Come Away.	40 to 1 agst.	Roquefort.
5 "	Ilex.	40 "	Brunswick.
7 "	Cruiser.	50 "	Flower of the Forest.
9 "	Grape Vine.	50 "	Nasr ed Din.
100 "	Roman Oak.	66 "	Voluptuary.
100 "	Why Not.	66 "	Dominion.
20 "	Cloister.	66 "	Jeanie.
25 "	Choufleur.	66 "	Gamecock.
25 "	Emperor.	100 "	Fireball.
25 "	Veil.	200 "	Adelaide.
40 "	Young Glasgow.		

PLACE BETTING.

6 to 4 agst. Come Away.
4 „ 1 „ Cloister.
7 „ 4 „ Ilex.

THE RACE.

After one breakaway a capital start was effected, Ilex on the left at once showing ahead of Grape Vine, Flower of the Forest, Veil, Roman Oak, Choufleur, with Come Away, Cruiser, Young Glasgow, and Gamecock close up.

At the first fence Ilex was soon steadied, and Grape Vine rushing to the front cleared the obstacle just in front of Flower of the Forest and Veil. At the second fence in the country Flower of the Forest fell, Veil taking second place, whilst at the next obstacle Nasr ed Din and Brunswick came to grief, and Cloister heading Grape Vine went on into the country with Roquefort third in front of Gamecock. The fourth fence accounted for Choufleur, as he blundered and fell. Over Becher's Brook Cloister showed the way to Grape Vine, Gamecock, and Roquefort, with Ilex and Roman Oak well up in front of the next division, who were whipped in by Voluptuary and Dominion. Jeanie, who headed

the next lot, came a cropper at the following fence, whilst at the next just before reaching the canal Grape Vine fell, bringing down Roman Oak, who rolled over him.

This left Roquefort in command, attended by



MR. H. BEASLEY.

Cloister, the pair being clear of Gamecock, Roquefort having a lead of eight lengths as they came along the canal side. Gamecock, Cloister and Roquefort were first over the water, the latter dropping back considerably as they went into the country.

Before reaching Becher's Brook, Adelaide and Fireball pulled up, Young Glasgow also came down at this famous jump, and Dominion, blundering, was pulled up.

Before reaching the canal turn Voluptuary was pulled up beaten, whilst Gamecock began to lose ground. Come Away then assumed the lead from Veil, Ilex going on third, clear of Cloister and Why Not. Veil came to grief at Valentine's, and along the canal side Cloister joined Come Away, the pair being three lengths ahead of Ilex, with Why Not and Gamecock next. In this order they came on to the course, where Gamecock was beaten, and Come Away and Cloister came on with Why Not rapidly drawing up. Approaching the second fence from home the latter had almost closed with the leaders when he came down heavily, Mr. Cunningham being badly hurt.

At this point Come Away and Cloister gradually drew away from Ilex, a great race home ending in favour of the Irishman by half-a-length. Ilex was a bad third, Roquefort, fifty yards away, fourth, Cruiser fifth, and Gamecock sixth. Nothing else completed the course.

Time : 9 minutes 58 seconds.

Stakes, £1,680.

An objection to the winner by Captain E. R. Owen on the ground that he had been jostled sufficiently to cause him to lose the race was subsequently gone into by the stewards and overruled. When Why Not came down Mr. Cunningham was pitched on his head and remained immobile and unconscious. At first it was feared that the injury might prove fatal, but on being carried on an ambulance to the paddock he regained consciousness, and it was found that he had burst a blood-vessel in the head.

For once in a way the queer-tempered Roquefort, who it was thought would be sure to bring disaster to one or other of the competitors, was on his very best behaviour, and astonished everybody by playing the part of pioneer as they landed on the race-course the first time, being one of the first, in fact, to clear the water.

A singular accident happened to Emperor, who had been pulled up at Becher's Brook in the second round. Jumping the race-course rails on his way home, with the object of cutting off a corner, he fell and broke his back.

WINNER'S PERFORMANCES.

Come Away won three of his four engagements of 1888—the Dunboyne Plate, Ward Union Hunt ; the Conyngham Cup, Kildare and Irish National Hunt ; the Hunters' Steeplechase, Cork Spring Meeting ; unplaced in the Navan Plate, Meath Hunt.

In 1889 he did not run in public.

In 1890 he was only beaten once in five attempts. He won three races in succession : the Tally Ho Plate, Baldoyle Spring Meeting ; Conyngham Cup, Kildare and Irish National Hunt Meeting ; Dublin Plate, Baldoyle Summer Meeting. He was unplaced in the Liverpool Autumn Meeting in the Aintree Hunt Steeplechase, but on the next day he won the Valentine Hunt Steeplechase.



*From a painting by
Captain A. Jones.*

FATHER O'FLANN.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1892.
(CAPTAIN E. R. OWEN.)

FATHER O'FLYNN.

1892.

1. Mr. C. G. Wilson's b. g. *Father O'Flynn*, by Retreat—Kathleen (h.b.) aged, 10 st. 5 lb. Capt. E. R. Owen.
 2. Mr. C. Duff's b. g. *Cloister*, by Ascetic—Grace II., a., 12 st. 3 lb. Mr. J. C. Dormer.
 3. Mr. G. Masterman's ch. g., *Ilex*, by Rostrevor—Rostrum's dam, by Master Bagot, a., 12 st. 7 lb. A. Nightingall.

Capt. J. Byron's *Cruiser*, 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. W. P. Cullen.

Mr. H. Powell's *The Midshipmite*, 11 st. 6 lb.
Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. A. M. Singer's *Tenby*, 11 st. 2 lb.
C. Gregor.

Sir H. de Trafford's *Partisan*, 11 st. 1 lb.
Barker.

Mr. C. Waller's *Lord of the Glen*, 11 st.
Mr. C. W. Waller.

Mr. J. Bald's *The Primate*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Capt. Bewicke.

Mr. B. Goodall's *Meldrum*, 10 st. 12 lb.

Lathom.

Mr. Abington's *Jason*, 10 st. 12 lb. G. Mawson.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence's *Paul Pry*, 10 st. 12 lb.

(including 7 lb. extra) T. Adams.

Major Kirkwood's *Ardcarn*, 10 st. 10 lb.

T. Kavanagh.

Lord E. Talbot's *Ulysses*, 10 st. 10 lb.

Mr. G. B. Milne.

Capt. A. E. Whitaker's *Hollington*, 10 st. 9 lb.

G. Williamson.

Mr. W. Whitehead's *Reliance*, 10 st. 8 lb.

Mr. J. C. Cheney.

Mr. H. T. Barclay's *Lord Arthur*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Capt. Lee-Barber.

Mr. E. Woodland's *Nap*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Mr. H. Woodland.

Capt. R. W. Ethelstone's *Bagman*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Mr. F. H. Hassall.

Mr. F. Swan's *Southam*, 10 st. 7 lb. Dollery.

Capt. Peel's *Flying Column*, 10 st. 7 lb.

Mr. W. Beasley.

Mr. P. Vincent-Turner's *Rollesby*, 10 st. 5 lb.

H. Brown.

General Beresford's *Faust*, 10 st. 5 lb.

Mr. Lushington.

Major Kearsley's *Billee Taylor*, 10 st. 3 lb.

Mr. H. Beasley.

Mr. H. W. Lancashire's *Brunswick*, 10 st. 2 lb.

Mr. Levenston.

Winner trained privately.

BETTING AT THE START.

11 to 2 agst.	Cloister.	4 to 1 agst.	Partisan.
100 „ 4 „	The Primate.	50 „ 1 „	Ulysses.
10 „ 1 „	Ardcarn.	50 „ 1 „	Southam.
100 „ 9 „	Hollington.	50 „ 1 „	Flying Column.
100 „ 8 „	Jason.	50 „ 1 „	Rollesby.
100 „ 7 „	Tenby.	100 „ 1 „	Brunswick.
20 „ 1 „	Ilex.	100 „ 1 „	Faust.
20 „ 1 „	Father O'Flynn.	100 „ 1 „	Meldrum.
25 „ 1 „	Billee Taylor.	200 „ 1 „	Reliance.
25 „ 1 „	Lord Arthur.	200 „ 1 „	Nap.
25 „ 1 „	Midshipmite.	200 „ 1 „	Bagman.
25 „ 1 „	Cruiser.	200 „ 1 „	Paul Pry.
33 „ 1 „	Lord of the Glen.		

PLACE BETTING.

4 to 1 agst.	Father O'Flynn.
6 „ 4 „	Cloister.
4 „ 1 „	Ilex.

THE RACE.

The fog had thickened so much over the country that the twenty-five competitors were only visible in a certain radius, consequently a lengthy description

of the race is impossible. One breakaway only preceded a capital start.

Nap on the inside was first away shortly followed by Jason, Billee Taylor, Midshipmite, Southam, Ilex and Cloister in the first batch.



MR. J. C. DORMER.

Nap cleared the first fence in front of Cloister and The Primate; Bagman, Jason, and The Midshipmite lying next.

Nap, The Primate and Cloister cleared the second fence together, and at the third Partisan, colliding with Ilex, fell.

(This was the only catastrophe which occurred during the first round.)

As they ran on into the country Cloister ran on in front with Flying Column in the second place. At Valentine's for the first time these positions were

kept, with The Primate third, and Nap, Father O'Flynn and Ardcarn still ahead of the others. As the two leaders came on to the course Flying Column went well ahead of Cloister, Midshipmite now taking second place.

The pace was a real cracker and Cloister managed to get over the water just in front of Flying Column, the pair being well clear of Lord Arthur and The Midshipmite.

On entering the country a second time, a chapter of accidents began with the bolting of Billee Taylor, Tenby falling at the second fence and The Primate stopping to nothing.

In the same order the leaders went on to Becher's Brook, where Meldrum came to grief, Rollesby and Jason retiring at the same time.

At the next obstacle but one Paul Pry ran out of the course and was pulled up, whilst Nap, who had lost his place and toiling along in the rear for a long time, fell at the canal point.

The leading division then jumped Valentine's Brook in the following order: Cloister, Flying Column, The Midshipmite, Ardcarn, Ilex, and Father O'Flynn.

After having passed the Brook, Mr. Atkinson sent Midshipmite up to the leaders, but at the next

fence he rather unfortunately fell, and Cloister resumed the command.

No further change occurred till the second fence from home, where Father O'Flynn, full of running, drew into second place, and from thence gradually drew away from the field, eventually winning by twenty lengths, Cloister being second, and Ilex, two lengths away, third. Ardcarn was fourth and Flying Column a bad fifth, Hollington sixth, Cruiser seventh, Reliance eighth, Ulysses ninth, Faust tenth, and Bagman eleventh.

Time : 9 minutes 48 1/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,680.

PERFORMANCES OF WINNER.

Father O'Flynn was sired by the well-known Hermit horse Retreat, out of a h.b. mare Kathleen. As a two-year-old he ran nine times, winning for Lord Cholmondeley the Warrington Plate at the Liverpool July Meeting. When four years old he began to race under National Hunt Rules, winning the Arderne Plate at Tarporley, an Open Hunters' Steeplechase at the V.W.H. Hunt Meeting, and Open Hunters' Steeplechase and Members' Plate at Ludlow Autumn.

In 1890 he was out of form, winning once in fourteen attempts—over the V.W.H. Hunt Course at Oaksey, Cirencester. In 1891 he won six times—

Budbrook Hunters' Hurdle Race at Warwick.	
Maiden Hunters' Hurdle Race	,, Windsor.
" " "	,, Wye March.
Open Hunters' Steeplechase	,, Chepstow.
" " "	,, V.W.H. Hunt Meeting.
Quorn Hunt Steeplechase	,, Leicester De- cember.

In 1892 he won the Harrington Steeplechase at the Leicester February Meeting, whilst early in March he gained the Wigston Steeplechase.

On the last of these occasions he was ridden by Mr. J. C. Dormer, and it is worthy of note that Captain "Roddy" Owen did his best to persuade the latter gentleman to ride Father O'Flynn in the Grand National, and let him have the mount on Cloister.

The winner was bred by Mr. E. C. Wadlow at Stanton, and after being owned by Lord Cholmondeley for many years, Mr. C. G. Wilson bought him at Tattersall's for 450 guineas in 1891, since when he had not known defeat.

CLOISTER.

1893.

1. Mr. C. G. Duff's b. g. *Cloister*, by Ascetic—
Grace II., aged, 12 st. 7 lb. ... Dollery.
2. Capt. Michael Hughes' *Aesop*, by Chippendale—
Fable, a., 10 st. 4 lb. ... H. Barker.
3. Mr. C. H. Fenwick's b. g. *Why Not*, by
Castlereagh—Twitter, 11 st. 12 lb.
A. Nightingall.
- Mr. H. L. Powell's *The Midshipmite*, 12 st. 3 lb.
Sensier.
- Mr. G. C. Wilson's *Father O'Flynn*, 11 st. 11 lb.
Mr. G. B. Milne.
- Sir H. de Trafford's *Roman Oak*, 11 st. 9 lb.
Mr. W. P. Cullen.
- Mr. Eustace Loder's *Field Marshal*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Capt. Crawley.
- Mr. F. Dald's *The Primate*, 11 st. 3 lb.
Mr. Bewicke.

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CLOISTER.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1893.



Capt. Dundas' *Lady Helen*, 11 st. 1 lb.

R. Nightingall.

Mr. T. Toynbee's *Choufleur*, 10 st. 13 lb.

Kavanagh.

General Beresford's *Faust*, 10 st. 6 lb.

Capt. Yardley.

Capt. H. T. Fenwick's *Joan of Arc*, 10 st. 4 lb.

G. Morris.

Capt. E. W. Baird's *Golden Gate*, 10 st. 2 lb.

G. Mawson.

Col. A. S. Lucas' *Tit for Tat*, 10 st.

G. Williamson.

Mr. J. Dowling's *Golden Link*, 10 st.

N. Behan.

Winner trained by Swatton.

STARTING PRICES.

9 to 2 agst.	Cloister.	33 to 1 agst.	Golden Gate.
5 „ 1 „	Why Not.	33 „ 1 „	Faust.
100 „ 15 „	The Midshipmite.	40 „ 1 „	Roman Oak.
100 „ 12 „	Æsop.	50 „ 1 „	Lady Helen.
100 „ 9 „	Father O'Flynn.	50 „ 1 „	Joan of Arc.
100 „ 7 „	The Primate.	100 „ 1 „	Choufleur.
25 „ 1 „	Tit for Tat.	100 „ 1 „	Golden Link.
28 „ 1 „	Field Marshal.		

PLACE BETTING.

Evens Cloister.

2 to 1 agst. Æsop.

5 „ 4 „ Why Not.

THE RACE.

A breakaway in which all but The Primate and Field Marshal came away, occurred, but at the second time the field got away to a splendid start. The first to break the line was *Æsop*, who showed the way to Cloister, Choufleur, and Faust, but in settling down into the country *Æsop* was just ahead of Cloister, who in turn was in front of Midshipmite, with The Primate, Joan of Arc, Choufleur, and Faust next.

At the first fence, however, Primate went to the front and cleared the obstacle in front of *Æsop*, Choufleur, and Cloister, with Midshipmite and Roman Oak next.

Golden Link was last, but at the second fence he refused, and took no further part in the race.

Soon after landing over the first fence, Cloister was sent to the front, followed by *Æsop* and The Primate, who fell at the third fence. At this point the whippers-in were Field Marshal and Joan of Arc.

Over Becher's Brook Cloister still led, Tit for Tat being next, followed by *Æsop* and Faust. Lady Helen came to grief at the next obstacle, and at Valentine's the position of the leaders was virtually the same.

Along the canal side Cloister came on, followed by Faust, Choufleur, *Æsop*, and Golden Gate, and the favourite showed the way along the race-course with a long lead to Choufleur, *Æsop*, Faust, and Field Marshal, who had caught them up. At the third ditch before reaching the water Joan of Arc fell, and Cloister cleared the water jump four lengths in advance of the rest.

Going into the country a second time Why Not took second place to Cloister, with The Midshipmite heading *Æsop*.

At the second fence Golden Gate was pulled up beaten, and two fences further on Choufleur, who had made a mistake, also stopped.

Cloister led over Becher's and Valentine's Brooks followed by The Midshipmite, who soon after gave way, and the favourite came on to the race-course with quite ten lengths lead of Why Not. After this the finish was merely a procession, as he cleared the second fence from home quite twelve lengths ahead of *Æsop*, who had no earthly chance of beating him, finally cantering home an easy winner by forty lengths, amid great cheering. Why Not was a bad third, Tit for Tat, four lengths away, was fourth, The Midshipmite fifth, Father O'Flynn sixth, Roman Oak seventh, and Faust eighth.

Time: 9 minutes 32 2/5 seconds.

Value of the stakes, £1,975.

This year the race was worth £2,500, 300 sovs. to go to the second, and 200 sovs. to the third.

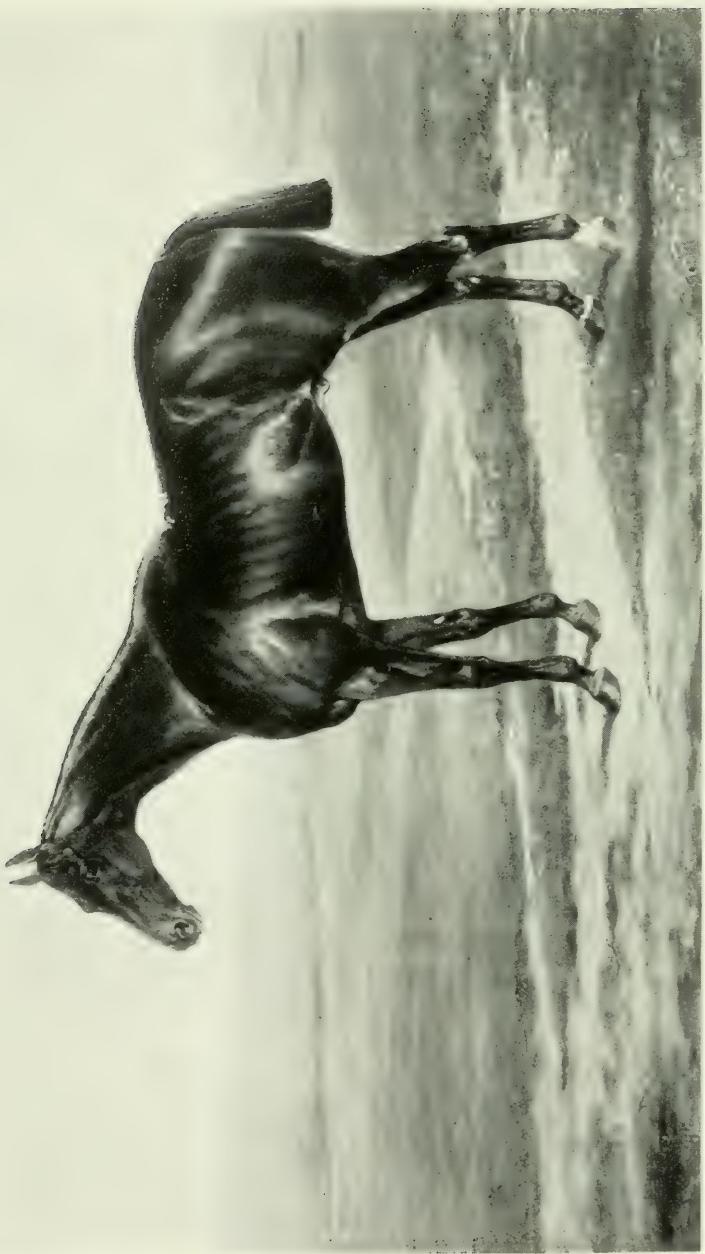
Cloister's victory was without doubt one of the most memorable, as well as popular, in the history of the race. In spite of the fact that his was a weight which had never yet been carried successfully over the course, the public stuck to him like a leech, and right worthily did he reward the confidence reposed in him.

The scene of enthusiasm when, after making all the running, he cantered in by himself forty yards ahead of the rest, was something to be remembered. So easy, indeed, was the whole performance to look at, that a well-known flat-race jockey present might well declare that Cloister "simply jumped his opponents silly."

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of Mr. W. H. Moore.*

WHY NOT.

WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL OF 1894.



WHY NOT.

1894.

1. Captain C. H. Fenwick's b. g. *Why Not*, by
Castlereagh—Twitter, a., 11 st. 13 lb.
A. Nightingall.
 2. Mr. J. M'Kinley's b. m. *Lady Ellen II.*, by
Prince George—Lady Helen, 6 yrs., 9 st.
10 lb. T. Kavanagh.
 3. Mr. John Widger's ch. g. *Wild Man from Bornco*,
by Decider—Wild Duck, 6 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb.
Mr. Jos. Widger.
 4. Duke of Hamilton's ch. m. *Trouville*, by
Beaupaire, 6 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb. (including
4 lb. extra) Mr. J. C. Cheney.
Mr. C. Grenfell's *Father O'Flynn*, 11 st. 3 lb.
Owner.
- Lord Shaftesbury's *Carrollstown*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Williamson.
- Mr. Grant's *Ardcarn*, 10 st. 12 lb. Mr. Bewicke.
- Captain Michael Hughes' *Aesop*, 10 st. 12 lb.
(including 8 lb. extra) ... Mawson.

- Mr. F. B. Atkinson's *Nelly Gray*, 9 st. 12 lb.
Escott.
- Mr. M. A. Maher's *Schooner*, 9 st. 12 lb.
W. Taylor.
- Mr. Mark Firth's *Musician*, 9 st. 10 lb.
F. Hassall.
- Mr. Lort Phillip's *Varteg Hill*, 9 st. 10 lb.
D. Davies.
- Mr. J. C. Leslie's *Calcraft*, 9 st. 10 lb.
Mr. A. H. Ripley.
- Mr. E. Storey's *Dawn*, 9 st. 7 lb. G. Morris.
- Winner trained by Collins.

STARTING PRICES.

5 to 1 agst.	<i>Nelly Gray</i> .	25 to 1 agst.	<i>Dawn</i> .
5 " 1 "	<i>Why Not</i> .	25 " 1 "	<i>Trouville</i> .
11 " 2 "	<i>Ardcarn</i> .	40 " 1 "	<i>Wild Man from Borneo</i> .
6 " 1 "	<i>Æsop</i> .		
100 " 7 "	<i>Father O'Flynn</i> .	50 " 1 "	<i>Varteg Hill</i> .
25 " 1 "	<i>Schooner</i> .	50 " 1 "	<i>Carrollstown</i> .
25 " 1 "	<i>Musician</i> .	100 " 1 "	<i>Calcraft</i> .
25 " 1 "	<i>Lady Ellen II</i> .		

PLACE BETTING.

- 11 to 10 agst. *Why Not*.
5 " 1 " *Lady Ellen II*.
10 " 1 " *Wild Man from Borneo*.

THE RACE.

After one breakaway, the fourteen competitors got away to a capital start. On settling down into their stride Schooner showed in front of *Æsop*, Trouville, and Father O'Flynn, with Dawn and Nelly Gray next in front of Lady Ellen II. and Carrollstown, at whose heels lay Why Not, Musician and Wild Man from Borneo, this same order being maintained over the first fence. At the next ditch *Æsop* joined Schooner, and the pair went on from Nelly Gray, with Trouville and Dawn side by side clear of Why Not and Lady Ellen II. Calcraft fell at Becher's Brook, pumped out. Rounding the railway turn, Nelly Gray went to the front, but at the cross fence by the side she bolted, and jumping the wrong fence came down with her rider. *Æsop* was left to show the way to Trouville, Why Not, Musician and Lady Ellen, whilst it was evident that Schooner was losing her place.

Lady Ellen took up the running when approaching the canal, clear of Wild Man from Borneo, and Musician, jumping into the course Dawn drew to the front followed by Musician and Lady Ellen II., with *Æsop* next. Nearing the water *Æsop* drew

to the front and jumped it with the slightest advantage of Dawn and Musician, the three landing over clear of Lady Ellen II., Wild Man from Borneo and Why Not.

At the second fence in the country Ardcarn fell, while Dawn followed suit two fences further on, whilst Father O'Flynn came down at Becher's Brook.

Soon after clearing the time-honoured landmark Lady Ellen II. was sent to the front full of running, and she quickly drew away with a clear lead of Why Not, who was doing well in the second place with *Æsop*, Wild Man from Borneo, and Carrollstown next. Lady Ellen II. held her advantage along the canal side followed by Why Not, with Wild Man from Borneo third place, in front of the struggling *Æsop* and Trouville.

Jumping on to the course again the race was practically only confined to the three leaders, Schooner and Carrollstown being out of it.

When fairly on the course Why Not, favoured by the inside berth, headed Lady Ellen II. But his lead was of very brief duration as the Wild Man from Borneo rushed to the front and cleared the last fence first. Still hugging the rails Why Not struggled gamely along under his welter burden

and creeping up inch by inch he joined the Wild Man before the last fence, over which the three leaders came almost simultaneously, what advantage there was, on landing, resting with Why Not, who slowly but surely increased his lead in answer to the calls made by his jockey, and won by a length and a-half.

Lady Ellen II. had beaten Wild Man from Borneo by a head for second place.

Trouville, one hundred yards behind, was fourth, Æsop fifth, Musician sixth, Carrollstown seventh, Schooner eighth, and Varteg Hill last.

Carrollstown was so exhausted that on reaching the paddock he dropped down dead.

Time : 9 minutes 45 2/5 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,975.

WILD MAN FROM BORNEO.

1895.

1. Mr. John Widger's ch. g. *Wild Man from Borneo*, by Decider—Wild Duck, aged, 10 st. 11 lb. Mr. J. Widger.
2. Mr. J. B. Atkinson's b. g. *Cathal*, by Cassock or Hominy—Daffodil, 6 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb.
H. Escott.
3. Major A. Crawley's b. g. *Van der Berg*, by Dutch Skater—Yurata, a., 9 st. 13 lb. Dollery.
4. Mr. H. M. Dyas' *Manifesto*, 11 st. 2 lb.
T. Kavanagh.
- Mr. G. W. Greswolde-Williams' *Horizon*, 12 st. 2 lb. Mawson.
- Captain C. H. Fenwick's *Why Not*, 12 st.
Mr. E. Guy Fenwick.
- Mr. C. A. Grenfell's *Father O'Flynn*, 11 st. 1 lb.
Mr. C. Grenfell.
- Mr. F. D. Leyland's *Lady Pat*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Shanahan.
- Mr. Roden's *Prince Albert*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. W. P. Cullen.



ANNUAL AWARDS OF THE PIONEERS

WELL MAN FROM IRVING
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1955

- Mr. C. D. Rose's *Sarah Bernhardt*, 10 st. 10 lb.
E. Matthews.
- Mr. E. Clarke's *Ardcarn*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. C. Thompson.
- Captain Michael Hughes' *Zesop*, 10 st. 8 lb.
A. Nightingall.
- Mr. J. Arnold's *Fin Ma Coul II.*, 10 st. 5 lb.
W. Canavan.
- Mr. Greswolde-Williams' *Royal Buck*, 10 st. 4 lb.
W. Slinn.
- Captain Gordon's *Leybourne*, 10 st. 3 lb.
G. Williamson.
- Mr. H. M. Dyas' *Cock of the Heath*, 10 st. 2 lb.
Hoysted.
- Mr. W. Murray-Thriepland's *Dalkeith*, 9 st. 12 lb.
J. Knox.
- Mr. J. T. Hartigan's *Molly Maguire*, 9 st. 9 lb.
W. Taylor.
- Mr. B. Benson's *Caustic*, 10 st. 1 lb.
Mr. A. Gordon.
- Winner trained by Gatland.

PLACE BETTING AT START.

- 2 to 1 Wild Man from Borneo.
3 „ 1 Cathal.
6 „ 1 Van der Berg.

BETTING AT START.

5 to 1 agst. Æsop.	25 to 1 agst. Van der Berg.
100 „ 14 „ Horizon.	25 „ 1 „ Molly Maguire.
10 „ 1 „ Wild Man from Borneo.	33 „ 1 „ Dalkeith.
100 „ 8 „ Cathal.	40 „ 1 „ Fin Ma Coul II.
100 „ 8 „ Leybourne.	50 „ 1 „ Sarah Bernhardt.
100 „ 8 „ Manifesto.	50 „ 1 „ Royal Buck.
100 „ 7 „ Father O'Flynn.	50 „ 1 „ Prince Albert.
100 „ 6 „ Cock of the Heath.	50 „ 1 „ Ardcarn.
25 „ 1 „ Lady Pat.	100 „ 1 „ Why Not.

THE RACE.

The flag fell at the first attempt to a capital start, the first to show in front being Æsop, who drawing out clear, settled down in front of Horizon, Manifesto and Cathal, with Fin Ma Coul II., Royal Buck, Father O'Flynn and Molly Maguire all in a heap, the last pair being Lady Pat and Prince Albert. In this order they went over the first two fences, Royal Buck taking the lead. At a good pace the field raced away along the railway side, but after jumping Becher's Brook Dalkeith gave way to Æsop, who went on in front of Cathal. Father O'Flynn, Horizon and Manifesto. Through the mist which hung over the course they came across the plough, past the canal bridge on to the race-course, Æsop still showing the way from Dalkeith,

Manifesto and Van der Berg, with Cathal most prominent of the rest, who ran in a cluster.

Before reaching the stand Royal Buck and Sarah Bernhardt were the only pair that had not negotiated the first half of the journey.

Æsop, Dalkeith and Horizon cleared the water side by side, but, unfortunately, the last-named, being slightly interfered with, fell.

As they went into the country a second time Æsop was still leading to Dalkeith, Father O'Flynn lying third, but at Becher's Brook Dalkeith, whose rider had broken a stirrup iron, blundered and nearly fell. At the open ditch by the canal point Æsop, dead beat, came down, Leybourne being much interfered with in consequence. Prince Albert also came to grief at the same place.



MR. JOSEPH WIDGER.

This left Cathal in front, Wild Man from Borneo taking second place, behind them being Leybourne, Manifesto and Lady Pat.

From this point the race was confined to the three leaders, who came right away from the field, and Van der Berg being done with two fences from home the issue was reduced to a match between Wild Man from Borneo and Cathal, the latter of whom held a slight advantage until landing over the last fence, when Wild Man drew level and gradually drawing away, won amidst a scene of great excitement by a length and a-half.

Van der Berg was a bad third, Manifesto fourth, Why Not fifth, Leybourne sixth, Father O'Flynn seventh, Lady Pat eighth, Dalkeith ninth, Fin Ma Coul II. tenth, and Molly Maguire eleventh. Horizon, who came down at the water in front of the stand, went the rest of the course without a rider, galloping in at the finish between Cathal and Van der Berg.

Time : 10 minutes 32 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,975.

The following effusion appeared in the *Sporting Life* on the morning of the race.

It is to be hoped for his own sake that the gifted author didn't take too optimistic a view of his own

tips, in which case he would probably exclaim with Hamlet, "Oh, my prophetic soul, my Uncle!"

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

"Tis slowly descending the valley of years—

At least, so the pessimists say ;

One reads in the papers and everywhere hears,

"The National's seen its best day."

Though I don't confirm this to the very last letter,
Than *this* year's I'll own, I have seen many better.

"They're mostly mere hunters," I frequently learn ;

But do not, too hasty, dismiss

A hunter on *this* score. He may have a turn

Of speed undeveloped, mind this :

"A mere hunter" that stays is oft equal to pumping
An ex-selling plater that's lately learnt jumping.

A very sad Cathal(ic !)'s Father O'Flynn,

Risky indeed 'tis to trust him.

Leybourne's another might easily win

But for his bad manners—bust him !

I'd plump straight out for Cathal but hardly am able,

He looks *so* much like the last hope of the stable.

Trusty old Æsop, if Arthur can mind him—

(Steeplechase jockey no better)—

ÆSOP may get home, with LEYBOURNE behind him,

Bear out this tip to the letter.

And if the *tapis* there's a surprise on,

Well, what price Tom Cannon and good old Horizon ?

COCKTAIL.

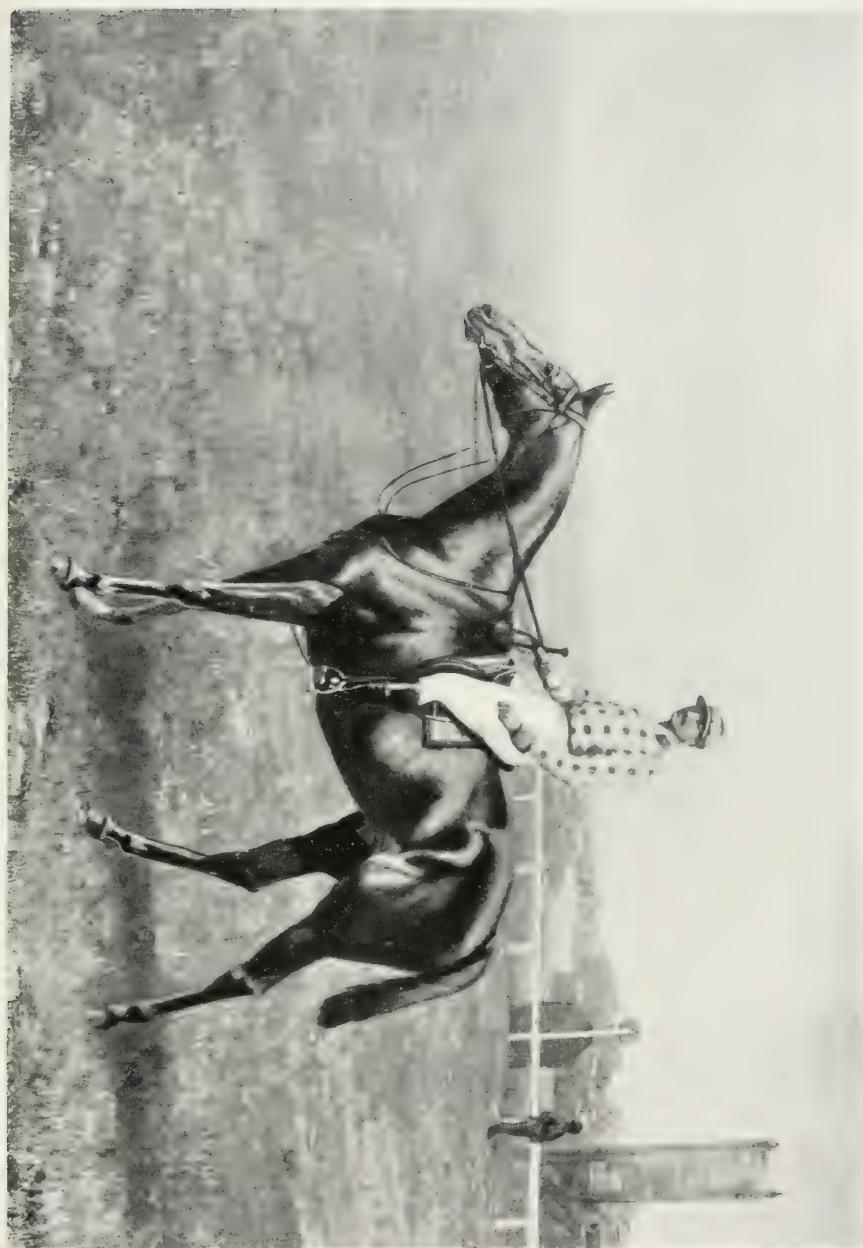
THE SOARER.

1896.

Conditions same as 1895, but the money added was 2,500 sovs. Since Disturbance won this race in 1873 the field had never reached the number of 28 till this year. 63 subs., 9 of whom pay 5 sovs. each, and 28 started.

RUNNERS.

1. Mr. W. H. Walker's b. g. *The Soarer*, by Skylark, dam by Lurgan, aged, 9 st. 13 lb.
Mr. D. G. M. Campbell.
2. Mr. C. Grenfell's *Father O'Flynn*, by Retreat—Kathleen, a., 10 st. 12 lb. Mr. C. Grenfell.
3. Mr. W. C. Keeping's b. m. *Biscuit*, by Barnaby—Reversion, a., 10 st.... ... Matthews.
4. Capt. Whitaker's bl. h. *Barcalwhey*, by Barcal-dine—Junket, 6 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb. ... Hogan.
Mr. J. W. Widger's *Wild Man from Borneo*, 12 st.
Mr. T. J. Widger.
- Mr. Reginald Ward's *Cathal*, 11 st. 13 lb.
Mr. R. Ward.



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of Mr. H. H. Morris.*

THE SOARER.
(CAPTAIN CAMPBELL.)
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1896.

- Mr. F. C. Stanley's *March Hare*, 11 st. 7 lb.
R. Chaloner.
- Mr. E. G. Fenwick's *Why Not*, 11 st. 5 lb.
A. Nightingall.
- Mr. H. L. Powell's *The Midshipmite*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Hewitt.
- Mr. H. M. Dyas' *Manifesto*, 11 st. 4 lb. Gourley.
- Mr. J. Hale's *Moriarty*, 11 st. 2 lb. ... Acres.
- Mr. Egerton Clarke's *Ardcarn*, 11 st. 1 lb.
G. Williamson.
- Mr. F. E. Irving's *Waterford*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Mr. Joe Widger.
- Capt. J. H. Orr-Ewing's *Swanshot*, 10 st. 13 lb.
Anthony.
- Capt. Aikin's *Redhill*, 10 st. 12 lb.
Mr. G. S. Davies.
- Mr. J. A. Miller's *Dollar II.*, 10 st. 11 lb. Halsey.
- Capt. Ricardo's *St. Anthony*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Capt. Ricardo.
- Mr. Vyner's *Alpheus*, 10 st. 10 lb. Mr. A. Gordon.
- Mr. C. Hibbert's *Rory O'More*, 10 st. 9 lb.
R. Nightingall.
- Mr. W. Pritchard Gordon's *Van der Berg*, 10 st.
9 lb. G. Mawson.
- Sir S. Scott's *Emin*, 10 st. 8 lb. (including 4 lb.
extra) H. Brown.

Mr. M. J. Corbally's *Fleetwing*, 10 st. 6 lb.

Mr. Parsons.

Mr. A. Jolland's *Clawson*, 10 st. 4 lb.

Mr. W. H. Bissill.

Mr. W. Widger's *Miss Baron*, 10 st.

T. Kavanagh.

Sir Samuel Scott's *Philactery*, 9 st. 11 lb.

E. Driscoll.

Mr. W. Lawson's *Kestrel*, 9 st. 10 lb. H. Smith.Mr. F. D. Leyland's *Westmeath*, 9 st. 7 lb.

(carried 9 st. 8 lb.) G. Morris.

Mr. W. B. Benison's *Caustic*, 9 st. 7 lb.

H. Mason.

Winner trained by Collins.

BETTING.

7 to 1 agst.	Rory O'More.	40 to 1 agst.	The Soarer.
8 „ 1 „	Ardcarn.	40 „ 1 „	Father O'Flynn.
100 „ 12 „	Waterford.	40 „ 1 „	Moriarty.
100 „ 9 „	Cathal.	40 „ 1 „	Wild Man from
100 „ 7 „	Caustic.		Borneo.
100 „ 7 „	Why Not.	50 „ 1 „	Dollar.
100 „ 7 „	Manifesto.	50 „ 1 „	Emin.
100 „ 6 „	March Hare.	66 „ 1 „	Clawson.
20 „ 1 „	Alpheus.	66 „ 1 „	Miss Baron.
20 „ 1 „	Swanshot.	66 „ 1 „	The Midshipmite.
20 „ 1 „	Van der Berg.	100 „ 1 „	Redhill.
25 „ 1 „	Biscuit.	100 „ 1 „	Fleetwing.
25 „ 1 „	Redhill.	100 „ 1 „	St. Anthony.
33 „ 1 „	Barcalwhey.	100 „ 1 „	Philactery.
		100 „ 1 „	Kestrel.

THE RACE.

The big field made a capital start at the first attempt, and Why Not showed in front of Manifesto, March Hare, Redhill, Barcalwhey, Dollar II., and Rory O'More in the first batch of horses.

At the first fence in the country Manifesto fell, bringing down Redhill. Alpheus then settled down in front of Rory O'More, Clawson, Why Not and Caustic, the remainder being in a cluster.

At the next fence Alpheus increased his lead with Rory O'More, Why Not and Miss Baron close up.

Before reaching Becher's Brook Wild Man from Borneo came down and Alpheus cleared this obstacle six lengths ahead of Clawson, Cathal, and Rory O'More.

St. Anthony came to grief at the canal fence, and at the next fence Emin was knocked down by a loose horse, The Soarer being now in the fourth place.

Soon after landing on the race-course, March Hare slipped up and bolted, the lot then jumped the water in a body, headed by Alpheus and Rory O'More.

All went well until the second fence was reached, when Midshipmite fell and Fleetwing was pulled up with a broken blood vessel, Philactery following suit at the next fence.



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COL. W. H. WALKER.

At Becher's Brook The Soarer joined Rory O'More, the pair being in front of Father O'Flynn, Biscuit, and Why Not.

At the next fence Swanshot fell and going on loose brought down Miss Baron and Waterford.

At the canal turn Father O'Flynn showed in front of The Soarer and Rory O'More.

Before reaching Valentine's Caustic came down as did Ardcarn at the last ditch.

Biscuit now showed the way on to the course attended by The Soarer and Rory O'More with Barcalwhey next, clear of Father O'Flynn. Then a long way behind came Why Not, Kestrel and Cathal.

Rory O'More was the next to crack and two fences from home Soarer headed Biscuit, the pair being clear of Barcalwhey and Father O'Flynn. The latter was here interfered with, and The Soarer came over the last fence clear of Biscuit and Barcalwhey, and going ahead won eventually by a length and a-half.

Father O'Flynn was second, a length and a-half in front of Biscuit; Barcalwhey was fourth, Why Not fifth, Rory O'More sixth, Kestrel seventh, Cathal eighth, Van der Berg ninth.

Time: 10 minutes 11 1/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,975.

The Soarer first made acquaintance with racing between the flags in April, 1893, when he ran second in the Irish Grand Military Plate in the Kildare and National Hunt Meeting.

In 1894, running twelve times, he won : Maiden Steeplechase and United Service Steeplechase at the Sandown Grand Military Meeting, the Navan Plate at the Meath Hunt Meeting, Stewards' Plate at Dundalk, Middlesex Steeplechase Handicap and the Uxbridge Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park, and the Hampton Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park in December.

In 1895 he ran nine times, his only win being the Hamilton Steeplechase at the Christmas Meeting Kempton Park.

From a backer's point of view the Grand National for this year was by no means one to be looked back upon with pleasurable recollections, for both the first and second horses started at 40 to 1 and the third at 25 to 1.

Apart from monetary considerations, however, the race was interesting enough, it being generally agreed that Mr. D. G. M. Campbell, of the 9th Lancers, put in a very fine piece of work on the winner.

It was said that he attributed his victory in no small degree to having read a letter written some years before, by Mr. J. M. Richardson, to his friend Lord Melgund, describing exactly how some of the more difficult fences should be ridden at, where to take off at, etc.

MANIFESTO.

1897.

1. Mr. H. M. Dyas' b. g. *Manifesto*, by Man O'War—Væ Victis, aged, 11 st. 3 lb.
T. Kavanagh.
2. Mr. G. R. Powell's b. g. *Filbert*, by Regent, dam by Double X, a., 9 st. 7 lb. Mr. C. Beatty.
3. Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's br. g. *Ford of Fyne*, by Studley, dam by Medley, 6 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. Withington.
4. Mr. J. S. Forbes' b. g. *Prince Albert*, by Althotos
—Bessie, a., 10 st. 8 lb. Mr. G. S. Davies.
Mr. F. D. Leyland's b. g. *Westmeath*, 11 st. 4 lb.
W. Taylor.
- Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's *Nelly Gray*, 11 st. 3 lb.
G. Morris.
- Mr. J. A. Miller's *Argonaut*, 10 st. 12 lb.
R. Woodland.
- Mr. Jolland's *Clawson*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. W. Bissill.

- Mr. Spencer Gollan's *Norton*, 10 st. 7 lb. J. Hickey.
Mr. C. Gibson's *Daimio*, 12 st. 6 lb. H. Escott.
Mr. R. Ward's *Cathal*, 11 st. 10 lb. Mr. R. Ward.
Miss Norris' *Wild Man from Borneo*, 11 st. 5 lb. Mr. T. J. Widger.
Mr. W. H. Walker's *The Soarer*, 11 st. 4 lb. Mr. D. G. M. Campbell.
Mr. H. White's *Seaport II.*, 10 st. 7 lb. C. James.
Lord Shrewsbury's *Ballyohara*, 10 st. 3 lb. Denby.
Mr. E. P. Wilson's *Golden Cross*, 10 st. 2 lb. G. Wilson.
Captain A. E. Whitaker's *Barcalwhey*, 10 st. 1 lb. C. Hogan.
Count Zech's *Red Cross*, 10 st. 1 lb. H. Taylor.
Mr. A. H. Hudson's *The Continental*, 10 st. H. Brown.
Mr. F. F. McCabe's *Chevy Chase*, 9 st. 13 lb. Anthony.
Mr. C. D. Rose's *Greenhill*, 9 st. 10 lb. E. Matthews.
Mr. R. W. Brown's *Timon*, 9 st. 10 lb. Tervit.
Lord Coventry's *Mediator*, 9 st. 8 lb. Grosvenor.
Mr. R. T. Bell's *Little Joe*, 9 st. 8 lb. ... Bland.
Mr. G. S. Davies' *Fairy Queen*, 9 st. 7 lb. Mr. E. H. Lord.

Captain R. W. Ethelston's *Lotus Lily*, 9 st. 7 lb.

Mr. A. W. Wood.

Mr. E. C. Smith's *Goldfish*, 9 st. 7 lb. T. Fitton.

Mr. F. D. Leyland's *Gauntlet*, 11 st. 13 lb.

Captain W. H. Johnstone.

Winner trained by Mr. Auliffe.

BETTING.

6 to 1 agst. Manifesto.	33 to 1 agst. Golden Cross.
7 „ 1 „ Cathal.	40 „ 1 „ Daimio.
9 „ 1 „ Wild Man from Borneo.	50 „ 1 „ Fairy Queen.
10 „ 1 „ Norton.	50 „ 1 „ Seaport II.
100 „ 6 „ The Soarer.	66 „ 1 „ Gauntlet.
20 „ 1 „ Nelly Gray.	66 „ 1 „ Goldfish.
20 „ 1 „ Timon.	100 „ 1 „ Filbert.
25 „ 1 „ Ford of Fyne.	100 „ 1 „ Westmeath.
25 „ 1 „ Greenhill.	100 „ 1 „ Ballyohara.
25 „ 1 „ Prince Albert.	100 „ 1 „ Red Cross.
25 „ 1 „ Barcalwhey.	100 „ 1 „ The Continental.
28 „ 1 „ Chevy Chase.	100 „ 1 „ Mediator.
33 „ 1 „ Argonaut.	100 „ 1 „ Little Joe.
33 „ 1 „ Clawson.	100 „ 1 „ Lotus Lily.

PLACE BETTING.

7 to 4 agst. Manifesto.

25 „ 1 „ Filbert.

6 „ 1 „ Ford of Fyne.

THE RACE.

After one false start, in which Clawson, Westmeath, Nelly Gray and Gauntlet were the principal

offenders, they got away. Timon quickly drew clear of Red Cross, Manifesto, Clawson and Westmeath, Nelly Gray, Barcalwhey, Gauntlet, The Soarer, Norton and Ford of Fyne lying close up. All got over the first fence safely and shortly afterwards Manifesto took second place to Timon.

The whole field negotiated Becher's Brook, but at the canal fence Wild Man from Borneo was cannoned against and knocked out of his stride. Ballyohara, breaking a stirrup leather, was pulled up.

Some little changes had taken place as they took the fence on the course, Timon and Manifesto still going in front with Cathal, Red Cross, and Nelly Gray.

At the fence before the stand, Goldfish fell, and going on loose, cleared the water in front of Timon, Nelly Gray, Cathal, Gauntlet. Before going into the country a second time, Wild Man from Borneo and Clawson were pulled up.

At the second fence in the country the second time Daimio was pulled up, and Chevy Chase stopped at the next obstacle.

At the fence before Becher's, Barcalwhey blundered and brought down Little Joe, whilst the second fence further proved fatal to Westmeath, The Continental, Gauntlet and Norton.

Going over Becher's a second time, Timon was clear of Manifesto, at the latter's heels were Nelly Gray, Ford of Fyne and Cathal, in front of Fairy Queen, The Soarer and Filbert. At Valentine's The Soarer came down, Mr. Campbell, his rider, breaking his collar-bone.

Fairy Queen now dropping out, the finish was reduced to a match between Timon and Manifesto, who had from the start made nearly all the running in joint company.

Three fences from home Nelly Gray, trying to refuse, upset Greenhill, but neither had any chance of getting near the leaders, of whom Manifesto got the best of it when Timon blundered and unshipped his jockey, and with Cathal coming to grief at the last hurdle, Manifesto went on at his ease and won by twenty lengths, a good race home for second honours between Ford of Fyne and Filbert ending in favour of the latter by a head.

The same distance off, Prince Albert was fourth, Lotus Lily fifth, Timon sixth, Fairy Queen seventh, Seaport II. eighth, Nelly Gray ninth, and Argonaut last.

Time : 9 minutes 49 seconds.

Value of stakes, £1,975.



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DROGHEADA,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1898.

DROGHEDA.

1898.

1. Mr. C. G. Adams' b. g. *Drogheda*, by Cherry Ripe—Eglantine, 6 yrs., 10 st. 12 lb.
Gourley.
2. Mr. R. Ward's b. g. *Cathal*, by The Cassock or Hominy—Daffodil, a., 11 st. 5 lb.
Mr. R. Ward.
3. Mr. F. D. Leyland's ch. g. *Gauntlet*, by Gallinule—Lady Louisa, a., 10 st. 13 lb.
W. Taylor.
- Mr. W. H. Walker's *The Soarer*, 11 st. 5 lb.
A. Nightingall.
- Mr. B. Bletsoe's *Grudon*, 11 st. 5 lb. Hickey.
- Major J. H. Orr-Ewing's *Ford of Fyne*, 11 st.
Mr. Withington.
- Mr. J. S. Forbes' *Prince Albert*, 11 st.
Mr. G. S. Davies.
- Mr. Lincoln's *Nepcote*, 10 st. 9 lb. ... Dollery.
- Mr. H. de Montmorency's *Swanshot*, 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. H. de Montmorency.

Mr. G. Hamilton's <i>Dead Level</i> , 10 st. 7 lb.	
	Anthony.
Captain A. E. Whitaker's <i>Barcalwhey</i> , 10 st. 6 lb.	
	R. Chalmer.
Mr. A. Coats' <i>Athelfrith</i> , 10 st. 4 lb.	
	W. Hoysted.
Mr. C. D. Rose's <i>Greenhill</i> , 10 st. 3 lb.	C. Hogan.
Mr. Reid Walker's <i>Surplice</i> , 10 st. 1 lb.	Lathom.
Mr. F. R. Hunt's <i>Kingsworthy</i> , 10 st.	Acres.
Mr. H. B. Singleton's b. g. <i>Sheriff Hutton</i> , 10 st.	
	J. Morrell.
Mr. Sadleir-Jackson's <i>Cruiskeen II.</i> , 10 st.	
	T. Kavanagh.
Mr. G. R. Powell's <i>Filbert</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	
	Mr. C. Beatty.
Mr. C. A. Brown's <i>Barsac</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	
	Mr. M. B. Bletsoe.
Mr. John Widger's <i>St. George</i> , 9 st. 11 lb.	
	J. Walsh, jun.
Mr. A. Stedall's <i>Hobnob</i> , 9 st. 11 lb.	H. Bax.
Mr. R. Wright's <i>Electric Spark</i> , 9 st. 11 lb.	
	A. Waddington.
Mr. G. R. Powell's <i>Cushalu Mavourneen</i> , 9 st.	
11 lb.	H. Smith.
Mr. W. Ward's <i>Hall In</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. (carried 9 st.	
8 lb.)	L. Bland.

STARTING PRICES.

11 to 2 agst.	Ford of Fyne.	28 to 1 agst.	Little Joe.
7 „ 1 „	Cathal.	40 „ 1 „	Hob Nob.
8 „ 1 „	Prince Albert.	40 „ 1 „	St. George.
100 „ 12 „	Gauntlet.	50 „ 1 „	Sheriff Hutton.
100 „ 7 „	The Soarer.	100 „ 1 „	Swanshot.
100 „ 7 „	Barcalwhey.	100 „ 1 „	Greenhill.
20 „ 1 „	Kingsworthy.	100 „ 1 „	Cruiskeen II.
25 „ 1 „	Drogheda.	100 „ 1 „	Sursplice.
25 „ 1 „	Dead Level.	100 „ 1 „	Hall In.
25 „ 1 „	Filbert.	100 „ 1 „	Electric Spark.
25 „ 1 „	Barsac.	100 „ 1 „	Athelfrith.
25 „ 1 „	Grudon.	100 „ 1 „	Cushalu Mavourneen.
25 „ 1 „	Nepcote.		

PLACE BETTING.

6 to 1 agst.	Drogheda.
2 „ 1 „	Cathal.
5 „ 2 „	Gauntlet.

THE RACE.

After several moves forward the flag fell at 11 minutes after time (*i.e.*, 3.41) and Greenhill jumping off on the right quickly took a clear lead of Cushalu Mavourneen, Gauntlet, Athelfrith, Cruiskeen II. and Swanshot.

The Soarer headed the second lot; the last two of all being Little Joe and Hall In.

On settling down Gauntlet jumped the first fence in front of Greenhill, the pair being clear of Cushalu Mavourneen, with Electric Spark last,

behind Hob Nob. Surplice and Sheriff Hutton early came to grief, and the next fence disposed of Hob Nob, who jumped sideways and fell. At the third obstacle Greenhill resumed command, attended by Gauntlet, Cushalu Mavourneen, Nepcote and The Soarer.

Snow now began to fall, but at Becher's Brook The Soarer had taken second place to Greenhill.

On reappearing on the race-course Ford of Fyne took the command with Greenhill second in front of Cathal and Dead Level. At the third fence from the stand Barcalwhey came a cropper, and The Soarer, who was lying handy, followed suit at the water, where the order was Drogheda, Cathal, Ford of Fyne, Cushalu Mavourneen, Nepcote, Barsac, Dead Level, St. George, Grudon, Electric Spark, etc., the last being Swanshot.

In a blinding snowstorm they turned for the second round, and finding pursuit hopeless Athelfrith and Kingsworthy were soon after pulled up.

Cruiskeen II. followed suit at Becher's, whilst Hall In fell.

Greenhill was now done with, and Nepcote on the inside went on from Drogheda.

At the railway turn Nepcote gave up, and Drogheda took up the running, Dead Level going

on second in front of Ford of Fyne and Nepcote, with Cathal and Filbert leading the others, of whom St. George and Cushalu Mavourneen collided at the Canal Point ditch, the former falling and the latter and Swanshot being pulled up.

Nepcote was quite beaten at Valentine's, and on coming across the race-course Ford of Fyne took close order with Drogheda, whom he momentarily headed three fences from home; but resigning the second place to Cathal he was followed by Gauntlet.

At the next obstacle, Ford of Fyne and Dead Level were done with, and though Cathal answered gamely to his jockey's calls, he failed to reach Drogheda, who won, all out, by three lengths.

Gauntlet was third, four lengths behind Cathal, Filbert was fourth, Dead Level fifth, Ford of Fyne sixth, Grudon seventh, and at another long interval came Barsac, Prince Albert and Greenhill. Nothing else finished the course.

Time : 9 minutes 43 3/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,975.

The day may well be described as March at its worst.

Squalls and sleet, alternative with sunshine during the morning, held out hopes that it might be fine

later on ; these proved delusive, however, for just before the time appointed for the start, a heavy snowstorm began to fall, increasing in density to such an extent that during the latter part of the race it was impossible to distinguish the colours of the riders. In fact, when Drogheda galloped past the post, few, if any, knew which it was.

The jockeys who were in the race declared that owing to the blinding snow, all the horses jumped more or less wildly, two of the principal sufferers being The Soarer and Barcalwhey.

How the latter came to grief will always be a mystery to his rider, who was knocked silly by the fall, his first remark on " coming to " being, " That's won it ! I don't know what happened. All I *do* know is that I've earned a fiver, and that it will cost me twenty pounds for some new teeth."

Mr. Reginald Ward rode a very plucky race on Cathal, and but for the opposing elements it is quite on the cards that the result might have been different. As it was, the only horse which didn't appear at all put out by the snow was the plain-looking Drogheda, who seemed rather to like it than otherwise.



*From a picture in the possession of
Mr. J. G. Bullock.*

MANIFESTO.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1899.
RIDDEN BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

MANIFESTO.

1899.

1. Mr. J. G. Bulteel's b. g. *Manifesto*, by Man o' War—Væ Victis, aged, 12 st. 7 lb.
G. Williamson.
2. Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's br. g. *Ford of Fyne*, by Studley—dam by Memory, a., 10 st. 10 lb.
E. Matthews.
3. Mr. Audley Blyth's b. h. *Elliman*, by Melton—Recovery, a., 10 st. 1 lb. Piggott.
4. Mr. Gavin Hamilton's *Dead Level*, by Isobar—Paragon, 10 st. 6 lb. Mason.
Mr. Horatio Bottomley's *Gentle Ida*, 11 st. 7 lb.
W. Taylor.
- Mr. R. C. B. Cave's *Xebee*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Mr. A. W. Wood.
- Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's *The Sapper*, 10 st. 11 lb.
Mr. G. S. Davies.
- Mr. J. G. Mosenthal's *Mum*, 10 st. 5 lb.
W. Hoysted.

H.R.H. Prince of Wales' <i>Ambush II.</i> , 10 st. 2 lb.	
	W. Anthony.
Mr. A. Alexander's <i>Trade Mark</i> , 10 st. 2 lb.	
	Knox.
Count de Geloes' <i>Pistache</i> , 9 st. 13 lb....	Owner.
Mr. C. A. Brown's <i>Barsac</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	
	Mr. H. M. Ripley.
Capt. Ethelston's <i>Lotus Lily</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	
	W. Latham.
Mr. Saunders Davies' <i>Fairy Queen</i> , 9 st. 11 lb.	
	Oates.
Mr. R. Wright's <i>Electric Spark</i> , 9 st. 11 lb.	
	A. Waddington.
Mr. F. W. Greswolde-William's <i>Sheriff Hutton</i> ,	
9 st. 10 lb.	C. Hogan.
Mr. R. Barke's <i>Whiteboy II.</i> , 9 st. 10 lb.	
	A. Banner.
Mr. G. R. Powell's <i>Little Norton</i> , 9 st. 7 lb.	
	C. Clack.
Mr. W. Harris' <i>Corner</i> , 9 st. 7 lb.	D. Read.
Winner trained by Collins.	

BETTING AT THE START.

4 to 1 agst.	Gentle Ida.	33 to 1 agst.	Xebee.
5 „ 1 „	Manifesto.	33 „ 1 „	Dead Level.
100 „ 12 „	Ambush II.	40 „ 1 „	Ford of Fyne.
10 „ 1 „	The Sapper.	100 „ 1 „	Pistache.
100 „ 8 „	Lotus Lily.	100 „ 1 „	Mum.
100 „ 7 „	Sheriff Hutton.	100 „ 1 „	Fairy Queen.
20 „ 1 „	Elliman.	200 „ 1 „	Little Norton.
20 „ 1 „	Electric Spark.	200 „ 1 „	Corner.
25 „ 1 „	Trade Mark.	200 „ 1 „	Whiteboy II.
25 „ 1 „	Barsac.		

PLACE BETTING.

13 to 8 agst.	Manifesto.
8 „ 1 „	Ford of Fyne.
5 „ 1 „	Elliman.

THE RACE.

Seven minutes after time the flag fell at the second attempt, the first to show in front being Sheriff Hutton, followed by Little Norton, Pistache, Corner, Gentle Ida, Trade Mark, Ambush II.; Lotus Lily headed the second batch of horses, and Barsac was last. On fairly settling down Corner took up the running, followed by Pistache, Sheriff Hutton and Electric Spark. At the second fence The Sapper came to grief. At Becher's Corner was still in front, Sheriff Hutton now being second and Electric Spark third, attended by Xebee, Trade

Mark, Elliman, Gentle Ida, Ford of Fyne and Barsac still last.

At Valentine's Gentle Ida fell, and Mum went to the head of affairs, followed by Sheriff Hutton.

Soon afterwards at the open ditch the guard rail was knocked off and brought Lotus Lily and Little Norton down.

At the fence before the water Pistache came a purler, and Mum cleared the water in front of Trade Mark, Sheriff Hutton and Electric Spark.

Going into the country for the second time Sheriff Hutton and Mum were still leading, Trade Mark and Dead Level next, and Fairy Queen bringing up the rear.

At Becher's Barsac, who had been creeping up, drew into third place, and Elliman went on fourth, these two being just in front of Manifesto, Ford of Fyne and Electric Spark.

After jumping Valentine's Barsac went to the front, followed by Mum, Ambush II., Elliman and Ford of Fyne and Manifesto. Just here Dead Level, Sheriff Hutton and Trade Mark were pulled up.

At the last open ditch Xebee came to grief, and with Barsac and Mum the next to show signs of the pace, Manifesto began to improve his position,

and going to the front directly afterwards was followed by Ford of Fyne, Ambush II., Dead Level and Elliman.

From this point loud shouts proclaimed the victory of the top-weight, and with Ambush II. the first to give way, Manifesto sailed home an easy winner by a length from Ford of Fyne, who had two lengths' advantage in front of Elliman. Dead Level was fourth, Barsac fifth, Whiteboy II. sixth, Ambush II. seventh, Electric Spark eighth, Mum ninth, Fairy Queen tenth, and Corner last.

Time : 9 minutes 49 4/5 seconds.

Stakes, £1,975.

Since Cloister's memorable victory in 1893, no such cheering had been heard on the historic plains of Aintree as that which greeted Manifesto on the present occasion, when, carrying precisely the same weight, he cantered home in similarly easy fashion.

Mr. Dyas, the former owner of both Manifesto and Gentle Ida, was said to have declared that the race was little short of a certainty for the mare, and Mr. Horatio Bottomley being evidently of the same opinion, her failing would naturally have caused great disappointment to the stable generally.

The withdrawal, too, of Drogheda at the eleventh hour, owing to a sprained hock, though it probably did not affect the result, naturally detracted in some measure from the interest of the race.

Easily though the victory was gained at last, the good thing might easily have been undone at one period of the race, *Manifesto* blundering so badly at one of his fences that it was only a marvel that he recovered himself; Williamson, in describing the scene afterwards, declaring that on looking round one of the horse's hind legs was standing straight up in the air.

Never was a steeplechase jockey better rewarded for his success than was George Williamson on the present occasion, and that it was well deserved was equally true.

His original compact with Mr. Bulteel was as follows:—£100 as retainer, with £1,000 if he won. Shortly before the race the latter sum was increased to £1,800. whilst Mr. Bulteel's partner stepped in with a promise of another £1,000 on his own account.

As a result of the race, the owner and his immediate friends won a large amount of money, one of Mr. Bulteel's individual bets alone being £10,000 to £800.

That *Manifesto* was the most blood-like animal that ever put in an appearance in the Grand National is the opinion of Mr. Willy Moore, his able trainer, and thereby hangs a tale. When, after his victory, M. Emile Adam was approached with a view to painting his portrait, that eminent artist, fresh from executing a big commission for the King, was inclined to turn up his nose at being asked to exercise his talent on a mere steeplechaser, and it required more than a little persuasion to get him down to Alresford.

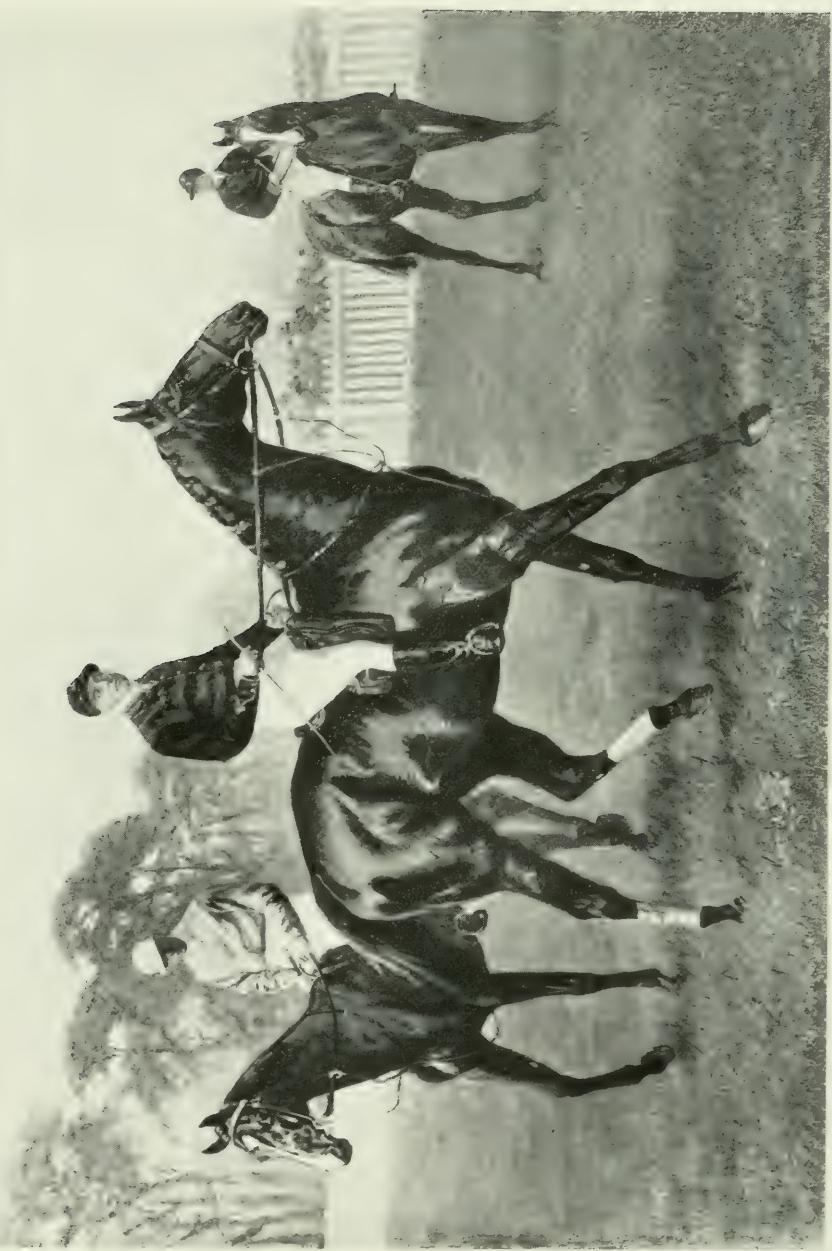
The moment he set eyes on *Manifesto*, however, he very quickly changed his note. “Why, this is a race’orse!” exclaimed the great man, in astonishment.

Not only did he declare that *Manifesto* was the most interesting horse he ever painted, but so proud



MR. W. H. MOORE.

was he of his own performance, that he requested permission to exhibit the picture in Paris, before finding its final resting place on the walls of Mr. Bulteel's house at Ascot.



From a painting at Buckingham Palace.
By gracious permission of His Majesty.
AMBUSCH II.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1900.

AMBUSH II.

1900.

1. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales' b. g. *Ambush II.*,
by Ben Battle—Miss Plant, 6 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb.
Anthony.
2. Mr. C. H. Brown's ch. h. *Barsac*, by Barcaldine—
Stillwater, a., 9 st. 12 lb. ... W. Halsey.
3. Mr. J. G. Bulteel's b. g. *Manifesto*, by Man
O'War—Væ Victis, a., 12 st. 13 lb.
G. Williamson.
4. Mr. G. Edwardes' b. m. *Breamont's Pride*, by
Kendal—Mavourneen, a., 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. G. S. Davies.
Colonel Gallwey's *Hidden Mystery*, 12 st.
Mr. H. Nugent.
- Captain Eustace Loder's *Covert Hack*, 11 st.
F. Mason.
- Mr. Vyner's *Alpheus*, 10 st. 10 lb.
A. Waddington.
- Mr. E. Woodland's *Model*, 10 st. 7 lb.
P. Woodland.

Mr. B. Bletsoe's *Grudon*, 10 st. 5 lb.

Mr. M. B. Bletsoe.

Mr. Audley Blyth's *Elliman*, 10 st. 1 lb.

E. Driscoll.

Mr. J. Cannon's *Barcalwhey*, 10 st. T. Lane.Mr. Arthur James' *Sister Elizabeth*, 10 st.

C. Clack.

Lord William Beresford's *Easter Ogue*, 9 st. 13 lb.

C. Hogan.

Captain R. W. Ethelston's *Lotus Lily*, 9 st. 10 lb.

(carried 1 lb. extra)... Mr. A. W. Wood.

Captain Scott's *Levanter*, 9 st. 8 lb. McGuire.Mr. G. R. Powell's *Nothing*, 9 st. 7 lb.

W. Hoysted.

Winner trained in Ireland.

BETTING AT THE START.

75 to 20 agst.	Hidden Mystery.	25 to 1 agst.	Lotus Lily.
4 „ 1 „	Ambush II.	40 „ 1 „	Sister Elizabeth.
6 „ 1 „	Manifesto.	40 „ 1 „	Grudon.
100 „ 7 „	Elliman.	40 „ 1 „	Alpheus.
100 „ 6 „	Covert Hack.	50 „ 1 „	Levanter.
20 „ 1 „	Breemount's Pride.	66 „ 1 „	Easter Ogue.
20 „ 1 „	Barcalwhey.	66 „ 1 „	Model.
25 „ 1 „	Barsac.	100 „ 1 „	Nothing.

PLACE BETTING.

5 to 4 agst.	Ambush II.
6 „ 1 „	Barsac.
6 „ 4 „	Manifesto.

THE RACE.

At the first attempt $6\frac{1}{2}$ minutes after time the horses were despatched to a capital start. The first to break the line was Barsac, who cut out the work at a good pace, followed by Levanter, Ambush II., Easter Ogue, Grudon, Covert Hack, and Model; Elliman heading the next lot and Nothing whipping in.

At the first fence Covert Hack fell, and Nothing bolted. Model now deprived Barsac of the lead, the pair having as attendants Grudon, Manifesto, Ambush II., Sister Elizabeth, etc., with Levanter and Breemount's Pride the last pair.

After jumping Becher's Brook Barsac resumed the lead, and Hidden Mystery took second place, followed by Easter Ogue.



SIR THOMAS GALLWEY.

At the next fence Alpheus came down. Along the canal turn Hidden Mystery joined Barsac.

Hidden Mystery landed on the race-course in front of Barsac, Lotus Lily now being third, and Easter Ogue fourth, with Alpheus and Barcalwhey the next pair side by side, Grudon leading the second lot of horses. At the Bush Fence before the water, Barsac on the inside took a slight lead of Hidden Mystery, Lotus Lily still lying third, but on landing over the water Barcalwhey fell, and Barsac, still on the inside, went on in front from Lotus Lily, Grudon and Ambush II.

At the first fence into the country the second time the riderless Covert Hack crossed Hidden Mystery, bringing him to grief.

Ambush II. now took second place to Barsac.

After jumping Becher's the second time Breemount's Pride rushed to the head of affairs, hotly pursued by Lotus Lily. Then following the pair came the stable companions, Barsac and Grudon, with Sister Elizabeth and Manifesto in close company.

Coming to the canal Grudon and Sister Elizabeth lost their places, and Breemount's Pride came on from Ambush II., Lotus Lily and Manifesto, but at the canal turn Ambush II. deprived Breemount's Pride of the lead, Manifesto now drawing into third place.

Two fences from home Lotus Lily was done with and Ambush II. took second place to Manifesto, with Breemount's Pride and Barsac next.

As they rushed the final obstacle Ambush II. was the first to get over, and won an exciting race by four lengths.



HIDDEN MYSTERY.

With Manifesto eased in the last 20 yards, Barsac beat him a neck for second place. Breemount's Pride was placed fourth; Levanter came in fifth, Grudon sixth, Easter Ogue seventh, Lotus Lily eighth, Sister Elizabeth ninth; a long way off Model tenth, Elliman last.

Time : 10 minutes 1 3/10 seconds.

We need not enlarge upon the spontaneous burst of cheering which went up from all parts of the crowded course when it was seen that Ambush II. had the Grand National in safe keeping for his Royal owner. Suffice it to say that since the institution of the race in 1839 there has been no such popular ovation accorded to any winner as on this occasion.

That a dangerous opponent was removed when Hidden Mystery was knocked over by the riderless Covert Hack, goes without saying, as the former, though a headstrong, impetuous horse, was quite capable of winning could his jockey have controlled him.

For all that we fancy that the consensus of opinion was that the best horse won.

Ambush II. was, as a two-year-old, offered at auction for £50, but not reaching the reserve, was withdrawn. His breeder, Mr. W. Aske, then offered him to a friend for £40 for hunting purposes, but to no purpose. Eventually Mr. Lushington bought him on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for, we believe, £500.



Photo, by the Sports and General Illustrations Co. GRUDON.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1901.

GRUDON.

1901.

1. Mr. B. Bletsoe's br. h. *Grudon*, by Old Back—
Avis, aged, 10 st. ... A. Nightingall.
2. Mr. O. J. Williams' b. g. *Drumcree*, by Ascetic—
Witching Hour, a., 9 st. 12 lb. (including 2 lb.
extra) Mr. H. Nugent.
3. Mr. J. E. Rogerson's ch. g. *Buffalo Bill*, by
Master Bill—Etna, a., 9 st. 7 lb. H. Taylor.
Mr. T. Tunstall-Moore's *Fanciful*, 11 st. 6 lb.
Mr. W. P. Cullen.
- Mr. W. H. Pawson's *Model*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Mr. W. H. Pawson.
- Captain Eustace Loder's *Covert Hack*, 11 st. 4 lb.
Anthony.
- Captain H. H. Johnstone's *Cushenden*, 11 st. 2 lb.
Mr. J. G. Davies.
- Mrs. J. Widger's *Sunny Shower*, 10 st. 6 lb.
(carried 10 st. 8 lb.) ... Mr. J. T. Widger.
- Mr. H. Hunt's *Prince Tuscan*, 10 st. 6 lb.
Mr. H. Hunt.
- Mr. R. Davy's *Coolgardie*, 10 st. 6 lb.
A. Waddington.

Mr. W. H. Pawson's <i>The Sapper</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	
	W. Halsey.
Mr. W. W. Lewison's <i>Mayo's Pride</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	
	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. B. Wade's <i>Hompool</i> , 10 st. 5 lb.	Acres.
Mr. J. Herdman's <i>Greystone II.</i> , 10 st. 1 lb.	
	J. H. Stainton.
Mr. V. A. Parnell's <i>True Blue</i> , 9 st. 13 lb.	
	P. Woodland.
Mr. C. H. Brown's <i>Barsac</i> , 9 st. 13 lb.	
	Mr. H. M. Ripley.
Captain Machell's <i>Chit Chat</i> , 9 st. 13 lb. (carried 10 st. 2 lb.)	... ... ... C. Clack.
Mr. H. Barnato's <i>Crosset</i> , 9 st. 13 lb.	
	Mr. F. Hartigan.
Major J. D. Edwards' <i>Levanter</i> , 9 st. 13 lb.	
	F. Mason.
Mr. J. Lonsdale's <i>Curagh Hill</i> , 9 st. 9 lb.	
	C. Hagan.
Mr. R. C. Dawson's <i>Pawnbroker</i> , 9 st. 7 lb.	
	J. O'Brien.
Mr. F. Bibby's <i>Zodiac</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. ...	A. Banner.
Mr. A. Gorman's <i>Padishah</i> , 10 st.	A. Birch.
Mr. F. Keene's <i>Gossip</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. ...	J. Polletti.
Winner trained by T. Holland.	

BETTING AT THE START.

5 to 1 agst.	Levanter.	25 to 1 agst.	Curagh Hill.
100 „ 14 „	Barsac.	33 „ 1 „	Prince Tuscan.
9 „ 1 „	Grudon.	33 „ 1 „	Buffalo Bill.
10 „ 1 „	Covert Hack.	40 „ 1 „	Model.
10 „ 1 „	Drumcree.	40 „ 1 „	Coolgardie.
100 „ 8 „	Fanciful.	66 „ 1 „	Hompool.
100 „ 8 „	The Sapper.	66 „ 1 „	True Blue.
100 „ 6 „	Pawnbroker.	66 „ 1 „	Padishah.
20 „ 1 „	Mayo's Pride.	100 „ 1 „	Sunny Shower.
20 „ 1 „	Cushenden.	100 „ 1 „	Greystone II.
20 „ 1 „	Crosset.	100 „ 1 „	Gossip.
25 „ 1 „	Chit Chat.	100 „ 1 „	Zodiac.

PLACE BETTING.

9 to 4 agst.	Grudon.
5 „ 2 „	Drumcree.
8 „ 1 „	Buffalo Bill

THE RACE.

The race this year was run in a blinding snow-storm despite the protest of the jockeys and owners.

While the weighing out was taking place the snow increased in intensity and nearly all went into the Clerk of the Course's office to protest. The result was that the Stewards, Lord Enniskillen, Mr. G. J. Fawcett, and Captain Featherstonhaugh, assisted by Mr. C. J. Cunningham, made an inspection of the course, and decided that the event should take place. Accordingly the parade having

been dispensed with, at 3.46, sixteen minutes late, the start was made.

Grudon showed the way in front of The Sapper, Covert Hack, Curagh Hill, and Barsac. Then came Coolgardie, Pawnbroker, Cushenden, Levanter and Buffalo Bill, with Gossip whipping in.



THE LATE MR. NUGENT.

As they came to the water Grudon was followed by Covert Hack, Levanter, Padishah, etc.

Nothing could now be seen of the runners, but between the fences it was noticeable that Levanter was beaten, and that Drumcree

had taken second place and Buffalo Bill was third.

Neither however could overhaul Grudon, who passed the post four lengths in front of Drumcree, who was in turn six lengths ahead of Buffalo Bill. Levanter was fourth, Fanciful fifth, Curagh Hill

sixth, Covert Hack seventh, and Prince Tuscan eighth.

Nothing else completed the course.

Time : 9 minutes 47 4/5 seconds.

" It was claimed for Grudon that but for putting his foot into his bridle and thus coming to grief he might have beaten Ambush II. last year. Anyhow, his previous performances had given the impression of a lazy horse that wouldn't try. When between the last two jumps Covert Hack and Levanter had a slap at him, Arthur Nightingall for the moment thought the Irishman was going to beat him, but the winner's turn of speed served him in the run in, although when he jumped the tan road like a hurdle, he gave his backers a fright.'

A regrettable incident of the race was the fatal accident to True Blue, who would be greatly missed not only by his owner but by the public, there being no better known or more popular horse at the meetings round about London than Mr. Parnell's famous old cocktail.

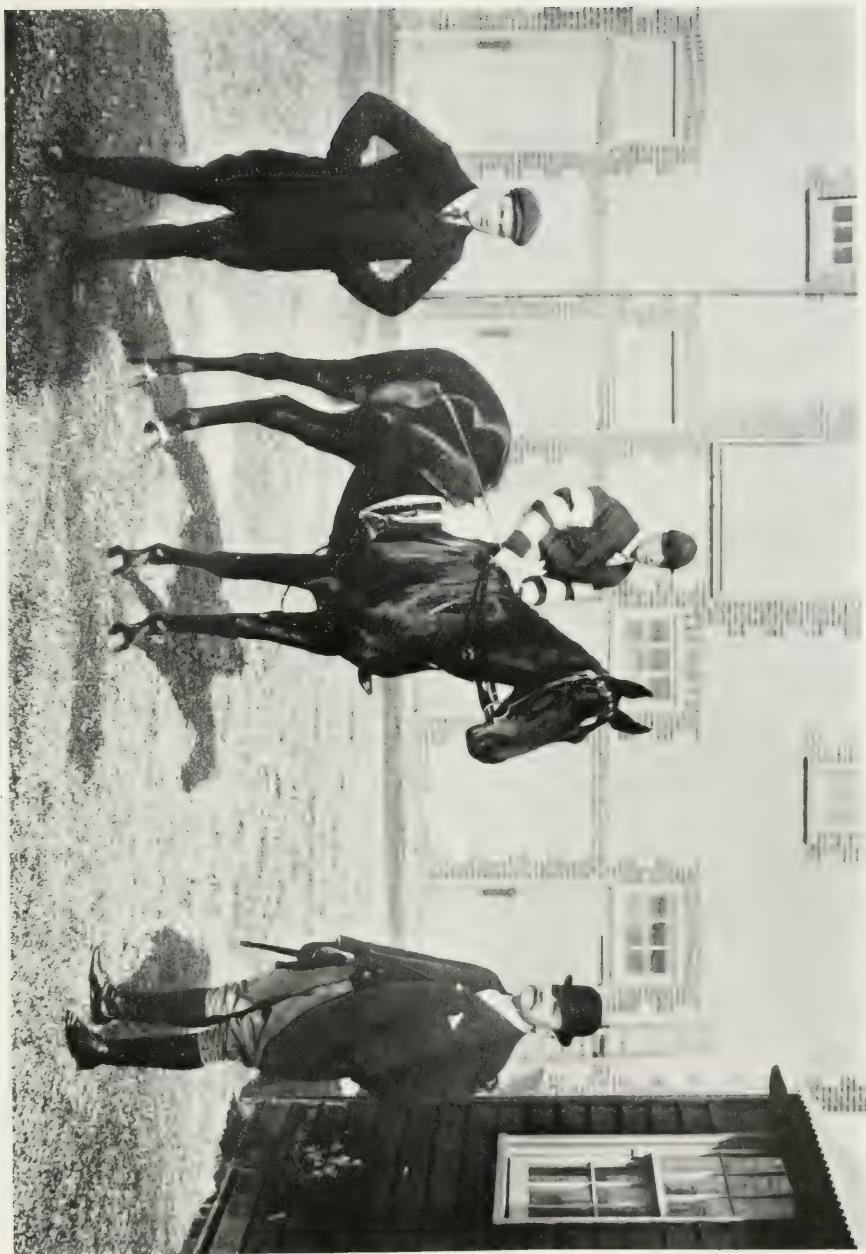
The snow balling in his foot brought him down, and but for this Percy Woodland, who broke his collar-bone in the fall, was of opinion that he would have won, so strongly and well was he going at the time.

SHANNON LASS.

1902.

1. Mr. A. Gorham's b. or br. m. *Shannon Lass*, by
Butterscotch—Mazurka, aged, 10 st. 1 lb.
D. Read.
2. Mr. John Widger's ch. g. *Matthew*, by Tacitus—
Golden Locks, 6 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb. W. Morgan.
3. Mr. J. G. Bulteel's b. g. *Manifesto*, by Man
o' War—Væ Victis, a., 12 st. 8 lb.
A. E. Piggott.
- Mr. T. B. Holmes' *Tipperary Boy*, 11 st. 6 lb.
T. Moran.
- Duke of Westminster's *Drumree*, 11 st. 4 lb.
A. Anthony.
- Lord Cadogan's *Lurgan*, 10 st. 12 lb.
F. Freemantle.
- Mr. J. S. Morrison's *Drumree*, 10 st. 10 lb.
Mr. H. Nugent.
- Mr. S. W. Tinsley's *Helmin*, 10 st. 10 lb. Caley.
- Lord Coventry's *Inquisitor* ... Mr. A. W. Wood.

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SHANNON LASS,

D. READ IN THE SADDLE.

WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1902.

MR. A. GORHAM.

Mr. W. H. Pawson's <i>The Sapper</i> , 10 st. 3 lb. (including 2 lb. extra) ..	... H. Brown.
Mr. J. A. Scorrer's <i>Arnold</i> , 10 st. 1 lb.	T. H. Bissill.
Colonel W. H. W. Lawson's <i>Dirkhampton</i> , 10 st.	Mr. J. Sharpe.
Mr. B. W. Parr's <i>Aunt May</i> , 10 st.	M. Walsh.
Lord Denman's <i>Whitehaven</i> , 9 st. 13 lb.	P. Woodland.
Mr. C. A. Brown's <i>Barsac</i> , 9 st. 12 lb.	F. Mason.
Mr. White-Heather's <i>Detail</i> , 9 st. 9 lb.	A. Nightingall.
Mr. T. Bates's <i>Fairland</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. (carried 9 st. 10 lb.) ...	... E. Acres.
Mr. R. Harding's <i>Steady Glass</i> , 9 st. 8 lb.	Mr. Longworth.
Mr. F. Bibby's <i>Zodiac</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. ...	A. Banner.
Mr. Foxhall Keene's <i>Gossip</i> , 9 st. 7 lb.	H. Hewitt.
Mr. F. W. Polehampton's <i>Miss Clifden II.</i> , 9 st. 7 lb. ...	... Mr. H. M. Ripley.
Winner trained by Hackett.	

BETTING AT START.

6 to 1 agst. Drumree.	25 to 1 agst. Detail.
6 „ 1 „ Inquisitor.	33 „ 1 „ Arnold.
7 „ 1 „ Barsac.	40 „ 1 „ The Sapper.
10 „ 1 „ Drumcree.	50 „ 1 „ Matthew.
100 „ 8 „ Lurgan.	50 „ 1 „ Miss Clifden II.
100 „ 8 „ Tipperary Boy.	50 „ 1 „ Helmin.
100 „ 6 „ Manifesto.	50 „ 1 „ Dirkhampton.
20 „ 1 „ Shannon Lass.	100 „ 1 „ Steady Glass.
20 „ 1 „ Whitehaven.	100 „ 1 „ Zodiac II.
20 „ 1 „ Aunt May.	100 „ 1 „ Gossip.
25 „ 1 „ Fairland.	

PLACE BETTING.

4 to 1 agst. Manifesto.
5 „ 1 „ Shannon Lass.
100 „ 8 „ Matthew.

THE RACE.

At the third attempt the horses were despatched on their journey, Drumcree cutting out the work from Matthew, Helmin, Barsac, The Sapper, Aunt May, and Drumree. Then came Tipperary Boy, Fairland, and Detail, and Shannon Lass next heading Lurgan, Zodiac and Gossip.

Shortly afterwards Dirkhampton fell; at the fourth fence in the country Fairland fell, bringing down Drumree. Meanwhile Barsac led over

Becher's Brook, followed by Helmin, Matthew, Drumcree, Arnold, and Aunt May.

Making the canal turn Matthew resumed the lead, having as followers Inquisitor, Barsac, Drumcree, Aunt May, and Tipperary Boy, but landing on to the race-course Inquisitor headed Matthew, the pair going on from Drumcree, Arnold, Aunt May, and Tipperary Boy.

Over the fence before the water Helmin landed first from Barsac and Inquisitor, the same order being maintained at the water.

At the third fence in the country Helmin refused, Zodiac stopped, and Whitehaven was pulled up. Inquisitor also nearly came down negotiating the obstacle, leaving Tipperary Boy in front of Aunt May, Matthew and Barsac, but at Valentine's Brook



THE EARL OF SEFTON, PRESENT OWNER OF THE AINTREE COURSE.

Matthew again headed Tipperary Boy, the next four being Inquisitor, Barsac, Lurgan, and Manifesto.

At the next fence Inquisitor fell, and Detail became the attendant of Matthew; Lurgan, Manifesto, Shannon Lass, and Tipperary Boy leading the others.

As they came towards the straight Shannon Lass and Detail took second and third places to Matthew, with Manifesto, Lurgan, and Tipperary Boy taking close order.

At the last fence Detail made a bad mistake, and Shannon Lass, closing with Matthew, quickly got the best of it and won a popular victory by three lengths. A similar distance separated second and third, Detail was fourth, Lurgan fifth, Tipperary Boy sixth, Drumcree seventh, Barsac eighth, The Sapper ninth, Miss Clifden II. tenth, and Steady Glass eleventh.

Time : 10 minutes 3 3/5 seconds.

Stakes, £2,000.

Thoroughly exposed as she had been all through the piece, and a most consistent mare to boot, it is a wonder that Shannon Lass did not start in more general request than was the case. It was distinctly

a popular win though for all that, and deservedly so, for besides being in private life, like Mr. Sponge's friend Mr. Puffington, "an amazing instance of a pop'lar man," there is no better sportsman or more liberal patron of steeplechasing in the kingdom than Mr. Ambrose Gorham.

Whether the result would have been the same had Full Flavour not been rendered *hors de combat* by his accident at Sandown just previously, is of course an open question. The horse had come on to such an extent since his dead heat with Shannon Lass at Hurst Park, that Mr. Romer Williams was quite justified in looking forward with some confidence to his candidate turning the tables on Mr. Gorham's mare when next they met.

Trained at Telscombe, between Brighton and Lewes, on the same downs on which Lord Clifden underwent his preparation for the Derby, in the course of which a dastardly attempt to make him safe was as near as possible successful, nothing was more admired when she made her appearance on the course than Shannon Lass, her dark brown coat shining like a mirror.

Humanitarians will like to know that the mare had never in her life known the meaning of a whip or spur, and needless to say neither was necessary

on this occasion, the veteran David Read having as comfortable a ride as any jockey could wish for.

That Mr. Gorham was a proud man that day goes without saying, and it was not his fault, you may depend, if the victory of Shannon Lass was not kept green for many a long day—in his own locality at all events—the most lasting remembrance of all, probably (don't read this, please, Mr. Hawke), being the restoration of the pretty little church at Telscombe.



DRUMCREE,
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1903.

DRUMCREE.

1903.

1. Mr. J. S. Morrison's b. g. *Drumcree*, by Ascetic
—Witching Hour, 9 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb.
P. Woodland.
(Green, white crescents and stars.)
2. Mr. White-Heather's b. g. *Detail*, by Curly—
Rosara, 7 yrs., 9 st. 13 lb. A. Nightingall.
(Dark blue, white belt and cap.)
3. Mr. J. G. Bulteel's b. g. *Manifesto*, by Man of
War—Væ Victis, 15 yrs., 12 st. 3 lb.
G. Williamson.
(Blue, cherry sleeves, white cap.)
4. Mr. F. Bibby's *Kirkland*, by Kirkham—
Perigonius mare, 7 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb.
F. Mason.
His Majesty's *Ambush II.*, by Ben Battle—Miss
Plant, 9 yrs., 12 st. 7 lb. ... A. Anthony.
Mr. H. Tunstall Moore's *Fanciful*, by Hackler—
Miss Fanny, 8 yrs., 11 st. 7 lb.
Mr. W. P. Cullen.

- Duke of Westminster's *Drumree*, by Royal
Meath—Comrie, 7 yrs., 11 st. 4 lb. J. Phillips.
- Lord Coventry's *Inquisitor*, by Cossack—Umpire
mare, 8 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb. ... R. Matthews.
- Mr. T. Bates's *Fairland*, by Ascetic—Far Away,
10 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb. W. Morgan.
- Major Loder's *Marpessa*, by Marmeton—Grecian,
6 yrs., 10 st. 11 lb. Mr. Persse.
- Mr. H. Bottomley's *Cushendon*, by Timothy—
Craftiness, 8 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb. ... F. Cole.
- Mr. J. R. Cooper's *Kilmalloo*, by Torpedo—
Andrea, 6 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb. ... T. Moran.
- Mr. J. G. Bulteel's *Deerslayer*, by Hawkeye—
Wallflower, 7 yrs., 10 st. 11 lb. E. Piggott.
- Mr. Owen J. Williams' *Pride of Mabestown*, by
Ascetic—Witching Hour, 7 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb.
W. Dollery.
- Mr. W. Nelson's *Patlander*, by Sir Patrick—
Theodora II., 7 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. M. Walsh.
- Mr. John Widger's *Matthew*, by Tacitus—
Golden Lock, 7 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
Mr. J. W. Widger.
- Mr. W. Haven's *Expert II.*, by Studey—Well
Done, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb. ... J. Woodland.
- Mr. B. W. Parr's *Aunt May*, by Ascetic—Mayo,
7 yrs., 10 st. O. Read.

Mr. J. Moleady's *Benvenir*, by Bennithorpe—
Souvenir, 7 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb. ... Mr. Hayes.

Mr. B. W. Parr's *Orange Pat*, by Ascetic—
Orange Bitters, 7 yrs., 9 st. 10 lb.

R. Morgan.

Mr. R. C. Dawson's *Pawnbroker*, by Westmore-
land—Uncertainty, 8 yrs., 9 st. 9 lb.

J. O'Brien.

Mr. G. C. Dobell's *Saxilby*, by Carlton—Koza,
6 yrs., 9 st. 7 lb. G. Goswell.

Mr. C. D. Barron's *Gillie II.*, by Sweetheart—
Mountain Queen, 11 yrs., 9 st. 7 lb.

A. Wilkins.

Winner trained by Sir Charles Nugent.

BETTING AT THE START.

13 to 2 agst.	Drumcree.	25 to 1 agst.	Manifesto.
100 „ 14 „	Detail.	25 „ 1 „	Drumree.
10 „ 1 „	Pride of Mabestown.	25 „ 1 „	Deerslayer.
10 „ 1 „	Aunt May.	40 „ 1 „	Patlander.
10 „ 1 „	Matthew.	40 „ 1 „	Expert II.
100 „ 8 „	Kirkland.	40 „ 1 „	Orange Pat.
100 „ 6 „	Ambush II.	50 „ 1 „	Saxilby.
100 „ 6 „	Fanciful.	100 „ 1 „	Cushendon.
100 „ 6 „	Inquisitor.	100 „ 1 „	Pawnbroker.
25 „ 1 „	Marpessa.	100 „ 1 „	Benvenir.
20 „ 1 „	Fairland.	100 „ 1 „	Gillie II.
20 „ 1 „	Kilmaloo.		

THE RACE.

After one breakaway the lot were despatched at 3.36, Ambush II. showing the way to the first fence, where Expert II. and Orange Pat came down. Fairland, Inquisitor and Kilmaloo fell at the next obstacle and Cushendon at the ditch a little further on. At the second fence before the water Marpessa and Gillie II. fell, Patlander following suit at Becher's Brook and Matthew at the Barn House. Two fences from home Saxilby and Deerslayer came down, and Drumree falling on the flat, and Ambush II. at the last fence, Drumcree, stalling off the vigorous challenge of Detail, won by three lengths.

Twenty lengths separated second and third, a tremendous "set to" for third place between Manifesto and Kirkland resulting in favour of the former by a head.

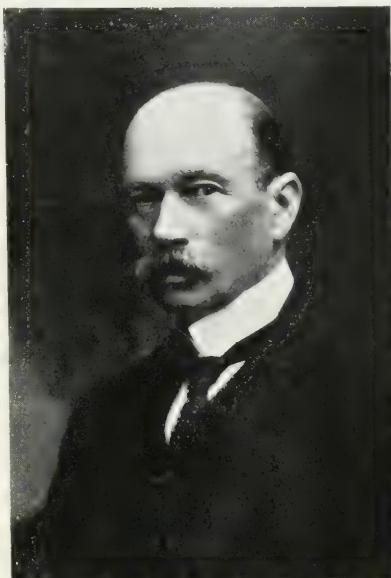
Time by Benson's chronograph: 10 minutes 9 2/5 seconds.

With the weather everything to be desired, the light perfect, the going good, and—above all—the King present, it only remained for the favourite (or at all events one fancied by the people)

to win, to send everyone away with pleasant memories of the Grand National of 1903. And as Drumcree, always a great public fancy, was successful in bringing about this desirable consummation, what more is to be said?

It was a most interesting race throughout, as everyone agreed, the excitement being kept up to the very end. The fall of Inquisitor so early in the day was a great disappointment to a good many, for besides being a public fancy, it would have been pleasant to see Lord

Coventry's colours in the van once again. Drumree looked decidedly dangerous until he fell all of a heap on the flat, presumably from a fit of the staggers, just before reaching the last fence, whilst nothing in the race looked more like winning than



Photo, by Elliott and Fry.

SIR CHARLES NUGENT.

Ambush II., when, apparently full of running, he blundered through the same obstacle and came down heavily.

From this point Drumcree looked like having matters all his own way until Arthur Nightingall brought up Detail, whose light weight for the moment looked as if it might stand him in stead. It was not to be, however, the favourite sticking to his work with unflinching gameness, fairly wearing the other down and winning comfortably at last by three lengths.

The hero of the day was undoubtedly Manifesto, now fifteen years old, whose defeat of Kirkland by a short head after a ding-dong struggle all the way up the straight, led to a scene of enthusiasm unparalleled on a race-course. This was the veteran's seventh appearance in the Grand National. In 1895 he was fourth; in 1896 he fell; he won in 1897; did not run in 1898; won again in 1899; was third in 1900; did not run in 1901; was third in 1902; and now again in 1903. A record indeed to be proud of.



COLONEL BROCKLEHURST.
Photo, by Elliott and Fry.

MOLFAA.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1904.

MOIFAA.

1904.

1. Mr. Spencer Gollan's br. g. *Moifaa*, by Natator
—Denbigh, 8 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. ... A. Birch.
(Black, white sleeves, red cap.)
2. Mr. F. Bibby's ch. g. *Kirkland*, by Kirkham—
Perigonius mare, 8 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.
F. Mason.
(Green, yellow sleeves, belt and cap.)
3. Mr. John Widger's *The Gunner*, by Torpedo—
Lady Windermere, 7 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.
Mr. J. W. Widger.
(Scarlet.)
4. Major J. D. Edwards' *Shaun Aboo*, by Chittaboo
—Thelma, 6 yrs., 10 st. 1 lb.
A. Waddington.
- Mr. E. E. Lennon's *Robin Hood IV.*, by Red
Prince II.—Dam's pedigree unknown, 6 yrs.,
10 st. 3 lb. A. Magee.
- Captain Michael Hughes' *Band of Hope*, by
Enthusiast—Infula, 8 yrs., 9 st. 13 lb.
P. Cowley.

- Mr. Morgan Crowther's *Napillah*, by Baliol—
 Little Nell, 8 yrs., 9 st. 9 lb. (carried
 9 st. 11 lb.)... Mr. A. Wood.
- Mr. W. N. W. Gape's *Benvenir*, by Bennithorpe
 —Souvenir, 8 yrs., 9 st. 10 lb. P. Woodland.
- His Majesty's *Ambush II.*, by Ben Battle—Miss
 Plant, 10 yrs., 12 st. 6 lb. ... A. Anthony.
- Mr. J. G. Bulteel's *Manifesto*, by Man of War—
 Væ Victis, 16 yrs., 12 st. 1 lb. H. Pigott.
- Mr. Owen J. Williams' *The Pride of Mabestown*
 by Ascetic—Witching Hour, 8 yrs., 11 st.
 Mr. A. Gordon.
- Lord Coventry's *Inquisitor*, by Cassock—Umpire
 mare E. Acres.
- Mr. W. E. Nelson's *Patlander*, by Sir Patrick—
 Theodora II., 8 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb.
 E. Matthews.
- Prince Hatzfeldt's *Deerslayer*, by Hawkeye—
 Wallflower, 8 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb. J. Phillips.
- Mr. White-Heather's *Detail*, by Curly—Rosara
 A. Nightingall.
- Mr. Horatio Bottomley's *Cushendon*, by Timothy
 —Craftiness, 9 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. D. Morris.
- Mr. A. Buckley, jun.'s, *Knight of St. Patrick*, by
 Craig Royston—dam by Ireland Yet, 7 yrs.,
 10 st. 6 lb. M. Walsh.

BETTING AT THE START.

7 to 2 agst. Ambush II.	33 to 1 agst. Comfit.
7 „ 1 „ Patlander.	33 „ 1 „ Biology.
100 „ 14 „ Detail.	33 „ 1 „ Robin Hood IV.
9 „ 1 „ Inquisitor.	33 „ 1 „ Hill of Bree.
100 „ 7 „ Kirkland.	40 „ 1 „ Band of Hope.
20 „ 1 „ Benvenir.	40 „ 1 „ Kiora.
20 „ 1 „ Manifesto.	50 „ 1 „ Honeymoon II.
25 „ 1 „ May King.	66 „ 1 „ The Pride of Mabestown.
25 „ 1 „ Moifaa.	
25 „ 1 „ Deerslayer.	66 „ 1 „ Loch Lomond.
25 „ 1 „ The Gunner.	100 „ 1 „ any other.

THE RACE.

Three minutes after the appointed time (3.30) the twenty-six competitors were despatched to a capital start, Inquisitor showing the way to the first fence, where Railoff fell. At the third fence Ambush II. came down, and Deerslayer. The fourth fence proved fatal to Cushendon and Inquisitor, and the thorn fence before Becher's Brook brought down Patlander, Hill of Bree, Comfit, Kiora and Loch Lomond, the latter breaking his neck. At Becher's Brook, Biology came down, and Deerslayer went on with a four lengths' lead with Detail bringing up the rear. So they went on until two fences from the water when

Honeymoon II. fell, May King and Old Town having dropped out in the interim.

Opposite the stands Moifaa deprived Deerslayer of the lead, the latter falling at the fence before Becher's Brook. At the ditch before Valentine's Brook, the riderless Ambush II. knocked Detail



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over, and The Pride of Mabestown failing two fences from home, Moifaa had it all his own way, eventually winning in hollow fashion by eight lengths, a tremendous race for second money, between Kirkland and The Gunner, ending in favour of the former by a neck. Only six others completed the course, the last of whom was gallant old Manifesto, who despite his sixteen

years and heavy weight, was freely backed for a place.

Though it probably made no difference in the actual result, the fall of Ambush II. in the first round was naturally a great disappointment, for it was agreed on all sides that a more perfectly trained animal had never been sent to the post, the first to admit the fact being the King, who as he shook hands with Anthony prior to leaving the saddling enclosure, observed, “ He looks well, does he not ? ”

Though it was his first victory in this country, he having run thrice previously without success, Moifaa had quite a good record in New Zealand, the land of his birth, he having won nine races out of thirteen in 1900, several being over long distances. In June, 1901, again, we find him winning a three miles and a-half steeplechase, value £500, carrying 13 st., giving 3 st. to his nearest opponent.

Standing over 17 hands, a finer jumper probably was never seen, and so full of “ going ” was he at the finish that it is hard to say what Mr. Gollan’s gelding had in hand.

It may be mentioned that the fences that year were much more formidable than usual, a circum-

stance apparently much to the liking of the New Zealander, who treated the assembled company to a jumping exhibition for which "faultless" was the only word.

Though starting at an outside price and little fancied by the general public, still the victory was very well received on the whole, if only for the sake of his owner, who is not only popular with all who know him, but a good all round sportsman to boot.

KIRKLAND.

1905.

1. Mr. F. Bibby's ch. g. *Kirkland*, by Kirkham
(bred in Australia)—dam by Perigonius,
9 yrs., 11 st. 5 lb. F. Mason.
(Green, yellow sleeves, belt and cap.)
2. Captain McLaren's b. g. *Napper Tandy*, by
Ireland—Sweet Ethel, 8 yrs., 10 st.
P. Woodland.
(White, cerise collar and cuffs, green cap.)
3. Mr. P. E. Speakman's br. g. *Buckaway II.*, by
Bennithorpe—Souvenir, 7 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb.
A. Newey.
(Flamingo red, green cap.)
4. Mr. T. Nolan's *Ranunculus*, by Quidnunc—
Buttercup C. Hollebone.
Mr. D. Faber's *Hercules II.*, by St. Michal—
Norrie, 9 yrs., 9 st. 10 lb. ... J. Dillon.
Mr. W. M. G. Singer's *Band of Hope*, by Enthusiast
—Infula, 9 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb.... W. Dowelly.



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of Mr. Frank Bidly.*

WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1905.
KIRKLAND.

- Mr. C. Levy's *Cottenshope*, by Enthusiast—Maidstone, 9 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb. ... D. Morris.
- Mr. H. T. Fenwick's *Phil May*, by Milner—Sister May, 6 yrs., 11 st. ... R. Morgan.
- His Majesty's *Moifaa*, by Natator—Denbigh, 9 yrs., 11 st. 12 lb. ... W. Dollery.
- Mr. Leslie Rome's *The Actuary*, by Immune—dam by Cadet, 7 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb. E. Matthews.
- Mr. B. W. Parr's *Aunt May*, by Ascetic—Mayo, 10 st. 9 lb. ... E. Sullivan.
- Mr. W. Bass's *Matthew*, by Tacitus—Golden Locks, 9 yrs., 10 st. 9 lb. ... W. Morgan.
- Prince Hatzfeldt's *Deerslayer*, by Hawkeye Wallflower, 9 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb.
Hon. A. Hastings.
- Lord Sefton's *Longthorpe*, by St. Serf—Orlet, 8 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. ... P. Freemantle.
- Mr. Cotton's *Seahorse II.*, by Nelson—Moon, 7 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. ... D. O'Brien.
- Mr. White-Heather's *Detail*, by Curly—Rosara, 9 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb. ... P. Cowley.
- Count de Songeon's *Bucheron*, by Chalet—Bannerol, 10 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb. ... V. David.
- Mr. W. B. Partridge's *Timothy Titus*, by Timothy—Precipice, 7 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb.
E. Morgan.

- Mr. P. J. Dunne's *Ascetic's Silver*, by Ascetic—
Silver Lady, 8 yrs., 10 st. 8 lb. T. Dunn.
- Sir P. Walker's *Royal Drake*, by Royal Emperor
—Manganese, 7 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.
A. Waddington.
- Mr. H. Bottomley's *Biology*, by St. Hilaire—
Myrrh, 10 st. 12 lb. ... W. Woodland.
- Mr. W. B. Black's *What Next*, by Dictator or
Quidnunc—Veda, 7 yrs., 10 st. 2 lb.
Captain Rasbotham.
- Mr. D. Faber's *Miss Clifden II.*, by FitzClifden
—King Fury's dam, 9 yrs., 9 st. 13 lb.
F. Barter.
- Mr. G. C. Dovell's *Saxilby*, by Carlton—Koza,
8 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb. ... P. Heany.
- Mr. W. H. Pawson's *Kiora*, by Blue Mountain
—May, 10 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb. (carried 10 st.
5 lb.) ... Owner.
- Mr. C. Bower Ismay's *Nereus*, by Ocean Wave
—Storm Witch, 7 yrs., 9 st. 10 lb.
G. Goswell.
- Mr. Delagarde's *Hallgate*, by New Barns, 6 yrs.,
9 st. 7 lb. ... Cole.

BETTING AT THE START.

4 to 1 agst.	Moifaa.	40 to 1 agst.	Biology.
6 „ 1 „	Kirkland.	50 „ 1 „	What Next.
7 „ 1 „	Ranunculus.	66 „ 1 „	Cottenshope.
100 „ 8 „	Aunt May.	66 „ 1 „	The Actuary.
100 „ 7 „	Detail.	66 „ 1 „	Nereus
100 „ 6 „	Deerslayer.	66 „ 1 „	Matthew.
100 „ 6 „	Timothy Titus.	66 „ 1 „	Saxilby.
20 „ 1 „	Phil May.	100 „ 1 „	Kiora.
20 „ 1 „	Seahorse II.	100 „ 1 „	Miss Clifden II.
20 „ 1 „	Royal Drake.	100 „ 1 „	Bucheron.
20 „ 1 „	Ascetic's Silver.	100 „ 1 „	Buckaway II.
25 „ 1 „	Napper Tandy.	100 „ 1 „	Hallgate.
33 „ 1 „	Hercules II.	100 „ 1 „	Band of Hope.
33 „ 1 „	Longthorpe.		

THE RACE.

So expeditiously were the usual preliminaries got over that the flag actually fell at 2.59, one minute before the time appointed, Detail being the first to show the way.

At the second fence Royal Drake fell, as did Kiora, Hallgate, and Ascetic's Silver at the next obstacle, where Longthorpe and Nereus refused.

Moifaa and Timothy Titus then headed the field to Valentine's Brook, where Detail and Biology came to grief. Headed by Ranunculus and Timothy Titus they all negotiated the water in safety, but the first fence in the country proved

fatal to Miss Clifden II. and Deerslayer, whilst The Actuary and Matthew were pulled up. Two fences further on What Next came down, and Moifaa followed suit at Becher's Brook. At the fence before Valentine's Bucheron, Aunt May, and Timothy Titus came down.

Ranunculus then took the lead, only to be deprived of it at the Anchor Bridge by Kirkland. At the last fence, just before reaching which Seahorse II. had been pulled up, Phil May came down, and Kirkland resisting the challenge of Napper Tandy came clean away, and in spite of being interfered with by the riderless Ascetic's Silver and Timothy Titus, scored a most popular victory by three lengths. Four lengths separated second and third with Ranunculus, a neck behind, fourth.

Time by Benson's chronograph: 9 minutes 48 4/5 seconds.

Well backed all through the piece, and the property of a real good sportsman to boot, no victory—excepting of course that of Moifaa—could have been better received than Kirkland's. That the defeat of the favourite was a great disappointment not only to those immediately connected with

him, but the general public—a large proportion of whom no doubt were attracted to the course in anticipation of the success of the Royal colours—goes without saying.

Misfortune began in the morning, when Williamson, who was to ride Moifaa in the race, was so badly kicked at exercise by Rainfall, as to render him completely *hors de combat* for the time being. Birch, who had piloted the New Zealander to victory the previous year, was then wired for, but it being found impossible for him to reach the scene of action in time, the mount was given to Dollery.

That a better selection could not have been made was agreed on all sides, but, as it turned out, good jockeyship in this case availed but little, Moifaa, who had for the first half of the journey jumped in his usual faultless style, falling from sheer distress at Becher's Brook the second time round.

Why with several really good jockeys standing down an inexperienced Frenchman should have been selected to pilot Ranunculus, is best known to his owner; suffice it to say that just before they came on to the race-course the second time the horse looked all over a winner, and the same remark applies to Timothy Titus, who until he fell at the

fence before Valentine's Brook was going as well as anything.

Kirkham, the sire of Kirkland, was bred in Australia by the Hon. James White, and came over here with a view to running in the Derby of 1890, won by Sainfoin. Ridden by F. Webb, he started at 50 to 1, and ran nowhere. He was subsequently sent to the stud in Ireland.

After his disappointing performance at Aintree, Moifaa was presented by His Majesty to Colonel Brocklehurst, who has since hunted him in Leicestershire.

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ASCETIC'S SILVER.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1906.



ASCETIC'S SILVER.

1906.

1. Prince Hatzfeldt's ch. h. *Ascetic's Silver*, by Ascetic—Silver Lady, aged, 10 st. 9 lb.
Hon. A. Hastings.
(Yellow.)
2. Mr. E. M. Lucas' ch. g. *Red Lad*, by Red Prince II.—Border Lassie, 6 yrs., 10 st. 2 lb.
C. Kelly.
3. Mr. B. W. Parr's ch. m. *Aunt May*, by Ascetic—Mayo, a., 11 st. 2 lb. ... Mr. H. Persse.
(Sage green, pink sleeves and cap.)
4. Mr. J. W. Phillip's *Crautacaun*, a., 10 st. 6 lb.
I. Anthony.
Mr. H. Gorham's *Wolf's Folly*, a., 10 st. 6 lb.
T. Fitton.
Mr. C. T. Garland's *Oatlands*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 13 lb.
H. Aylin.
Mr. G. Johnstone's *Gladiator*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 9 lb.
E. Driscoll.

Mr. J. S. Morrison's <i>Drumcree</i> , by Ascetic— Witching Hour, a., 12 st. 2 lb.	Mr. W. Bulteel.
Mr. Cotton's <i>Phil May</i> , 7 yrs., 11 st. 5 lb.	J. Owens.
Mr. J. S. Morrison's <i>John M.P.</i> , a., 11 st. 10 lb. (including 2 lb. extra) W. Taylor.	
Mr. H. Buckley, jun.'s, <i>Roman Law</i> , a., 11 st. 5 lb.	J. Walsh, jun.
Mr. F. Bibby's <i>Comfit</i> , by Butterscotch—Clan Ronald mare, a., 11 st. ... F. Mason.	
Mr. W. B. Partridge's <i>Timothy Titus</i> , by Timothy—Precipice, a., 11 st. 12 lb.	E. Morgan.
Mr. P. E. Speakman's <i>Buckaway II.</i> , by Bennithorpe—Souvenir, a., 10 st. 4 lb.	A. Newey.
Mr. T. Clyde's <i>Dathi</i> , a., 10 st. 4 lb. A. Birch.	
Mr. C. Bewicke's <i>Kiora</i> , by Blue Mountain— May, a., 10 st. 4 lb. ... G. Clancy.	
Prince Hatzfeldt's <i>Deerslayer</i> , by Hawkeye— Wallflower, a., 10 st. 4 lb. Mr. P. Whitaker.	
Mr. W. Hall Walker's <i>Hill of Bree</i> , by Ascetic —Au Revoir, a., 10 st. 3 lb. R. Chadwick.	
Lord Sefton's <i>Canter Home</i> , a., 9 st. 13 lb. (including 6 lb. extra) ... A. Aylin.	

Mr. Barclay Walker's *Glenrex*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 9 lb.
Mr. R. Walker.

Mr. J. Bell-Irving's *St. Boswells*, a., 9 st. 7 lb.
D. Phelan.

Mr. W. Paul's *Pierre*, by Pierrepont—Little Go,
a., 9 st. 7 lb. J. Dillon.

Prince Hatzfeldt's *Hard to Find*, 6 yrs., 9 st. 7 lb.
E. R. Morgan.

Winner trained by Hon. A. Hastings at
Wroughton.

BETTING AT THE START.

7 to 2 agst. John M.P.	25 to 1 agst. Dathi.
9 „ 1 „ Phil May.	33 „ 1 „ Drumcree.
10 „ 1 „ Comfit.	33 „ 1 „ Kiora.
10 „ 1 „ Timothy Titus.	33 „ 1 „ Pierre.
100 „ 7 „ Roman Law.	33 „ 1 „ Red Lad.
100 „ 6 „ Oatiands.	50 „ 1 „ Deerslayer.
100 „ 6 „ Wolf's Folly.	66 „ 1 „ Hard to Find.
100 „ 6 „ Gladiator.	66 „ 1 „ Hill of Bree.
100 „ 6 „ Crautacaun.	66 „ 1 „ St. Boswells.
20 „ 1 „ Ascetic's Silver.	66 „ 1 „ Canter Home.
20 „ 1 „ Buckaway II.	100 „ 1 „ Glenrex.
25 „ 1 „ Aunt May.	

THE RACE.

After one false start, for which Comfit was responsible, Mr. Coventry despatched the horses on

their journey, Phil May and Dathi showing the way to the second fence, where the latter fell, an example followed at Becher's Brook by Hard to Find, Canter Home and St. Boswells. At the fence at the sharp turn of the canal point, John M.P., getting his forelegs into the bank, fell into the wing, whilst the riderless Dathi knocked over Kiora. At the fence before Valentine's Brook, Comfit came down, Roman Lad falling over him. Soon after landing on the race-course, Deerslayer, breaking a stirrup leather, was pulled up, and Oaklands and Timothy Titus showed the way over the water, at which Drumcree and Phil May blundered on landing, and Glenrex fell.

At the fence by the canal, Timothy Titus came down, Gladiator following suit at the next obstacle, and Buckaway II. at the fourth fence from home.

From this point Ascetic's Silver had it all his own way, and jumping the last fence of all two lengths in advance of Red Lad and Aunt May, went on and won in the easiest possible manner by ten lengths, Red Lad being second, and Aunt May, two lengths away, third. Crautacaun, two lengths off, was fourth, Wolf's Folly fifth, Oatlands sixth, Gladiator (remounted) seventh, Drumcree eighth,

and Phil May, who had fallen at the last fence and been remounted, last.

Time : 9 minutes 34 2/5 seconds.

The morning opened dull, and there was a sprinkling of rain, but it soon passed off, and when at last the sun made its appearance it was to shine on a record attendance.

Public interest seemed to be concentrated to a great extent in John M.P., opinion being pretty equally divided apparently as to the show he was likely to make in the race, his thick and thin admirers declaring he would win in a canter, whilst others—and these included many good judges—were equally confident that he would never stand up.

The riddle was not long in being solved.

Becher's Brook successfully accomplished, John was leading his field in a style which gladdened the hearts of his backers, when just at the very moment when they thought to see him come right away, up went that heart-breaking cry one always dreads to hear at Aintree, “The favourite's down !”

Staring about him at the noisy crowd instead of attending to business, John made a regular hash of it at the tricky canal fence, finally falling into the

wing, and effectually undoing what his admirers declared was the biggest certainty of modern times. Bad luck did not end here, as when Comfit fell, at the fence before Valentine's Brook, he so badly injured the point of his shoulder that he had to be destroyed —a severe loss to Mr. Bibby.

One of the most awkward fences at Aintree is that just before coming on to the race-course. There is a dip on the take-off side, and in order to negotiate it successfully, the jockey ought to sit well back and have his horse well in hand. We have eminent authority for saying that it was here that Ascetic's Silver may be said to have won his race, all the others hitting it, and nearly unseating their jockeys, with the result that they never got on terms again with Prince Hatzfeldt's horse. It was at this very same fence that Chandos, the favourite in 1876, and a very hot one too, came down the second time round.

Mr. Hastings, who had trained as well as ridden the winner, undergoing great privations to enable him to do the weight, had a great reception on returning to the weighing-room, Prince Hatzfeldt being one of the first to congratulate him. The race was run in record time, and there is no doubt that but for an unfortunate propensity for breaking blood-

vessels, Ascetic's Silver, who is a remarkably good-looking horse and the beau ideal of a high-class steeplechaser, would have started at a much shorter price than he did.

EREMON.

1907.

3.0—GRAND NATIONAL STEEPELCHASE of 3,000 sovs., including a trophy value 125 sovs.; second receives 300 sovs., the third 200 sovs., and the fourth 75 sovs. from the stakes; a handicap for five-year-olds and upwards; Grand National Course (about four miles and 856 yards).

1. Mr. Stanley Howard's b. g. *Eremon*, by Thurles
—Daisy, 7 yrs., 10 st. 1 lb. ... A. Newey.
(Eton blue, olive green sash.)
2. Mr. H. Hardy's b. g. *Tom West*, by Old Buck
—Mother Shipton, 8 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb.
H. Murphy.
(Green, white chevrons, green sleeves and cap.)
3. Mr. W. Nelson's b. g. *Patlander*, by Sir Patrick
—Theodora II., 11 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.
J. Lynn.
(White, red, white and blue sash, scarlet cap.)



FREMONT.
WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1907.

4. Mr. R. J. Hannam's b. g. *Ravenscliffe*, by
Ravensbury—Marie le Ragois, 9 yrs., 10 st.
9 lb. F. Lyall.
(Green, black cap.)
5. Mr. S. J. Unzue's br. h. *Barabbas II.*, by Batt—
Siberia, 6 yrs., 10 st. 5 lb. (carried 10 st. 7 lb.)
R. Morgan.
(Blue and red stripes, quartered cap.)
6. Prince Hatzfeldt's ch. h. *Ascetic's Silver*, by
Ascetic—Silver Lady, 10 yrs., 12 st. 7 lb.
Hon. A. Hastings.
(Yellow.)
7. Mr. P. E. Speakman's bl. g. *Buckaway II.*, by
Bennithorpe—Souvenir, 9 yrs., 10 st. 4 lb.
(fell) H. Aylin.
(Flamingo red, green cap.)
8. Captain McLaren's b. g. *Napper Tandy*, by
Ireland—Sweet Ethel, 10 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb.
Captain Collis.
(White, tartan collar and cuffs, green cap.)
- Mr. W. B. Partridge's bl. g. *Timothy Titus*, by
Timothy—Precipice, 9 yrs., 11 st. 10 lb. (fell)
C. Kelly.
(Yellow, black cap.)
- Mr. J. S. Morrison's b. g. *Drumreee*, by Ascetic

—Witching House, 13 yrs., 11 st. 9 lb.
 (fell) Mr. W. Bulteel.
 (Green, white crescents.)

Mr. A. Buckley, jun.'s, b. g. *Roman Law*, by
 Tacitus—Lady Beatrice, 9 yrs., 11 st. 7 lb.
 (pulled up) A. Anthony.
 (Black and white hoops, light blue cap.)

Mr. C. Hibbert's ch. g. *Red Lad*, by Red
 Prince II.—Border Lassie, 7 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb.
 (fell) J. Dillon.
 (Black, silver braid.)

Mr. T. Ashton's b. g. *Seisdon Prince*, by Dog Rose
 —Fudge, 8 yrs., 11 st. (pulled up) M. Phelan.
 (Yellow, violet collar and cuffs, quartered cap.)

Prince Hatzfeldt's ch. g. *Rathvale*, by Norths-
 hampton or Ignis Fatuus—Secret, 6 yrs.,
 10 st. 13 lb. (fell) E. Driscoll.
 (Yellow.)

Mr. G. Walmesley's ch. g. *Extravagance*, by
 Carlton Grange—Belle Demoiselle, 6 yrs.,
 10 st. 11 lb. (fell) G. Goswell.
 (White, red hoops, blue cap.)

Lord Howard de Walden's b. g. *Centre Board*,
 by Speed—Ballast, 7 yrs., 10 st. 11 lb.
 (refused) J. Cain.
 (Apricot.)

Mr. J. Meynell-Knight's b. g. *Bouchal Ogue*, by Kentford—Spraight-in-Chint, 11 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb. (fell) C. Graham.
(Apricot and light blue hoops, cherry sleeves and cap.)

Mr. Lionel Robinson's ch. g. *York II.*, by Tostig
—Conclusion, 8 yrs., 10 st. 6 lb. (fell)

T. Moran.

(Lavender, rose sleeves, collar, and cap.)

Mr. T. G. Arthur's br. g. *Kilts*, by Kilmarnock
—Rockery mare, 7 yrs., 10 st. 3 lb. (fell)

R. Harper.

(Scarlet and grey hoops.)

Mr. White-Heather's b. g. *Detail*, by Curly—
Rosara, 11 yrs., 10 st. (fell) ... W. Payne.
(Dark blue, white belt and cap.)

Mr. F. Bibby's ch. g. *Loop Head*, by Brayhead
Barberry, 8 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb. (fell) A. Hogan.
(Green, yellow sleeves, belt, and cap.)

Mr. W. P. Hanley's b. m. *Teddie III.*, by War-
spite—Bayberry, 9 yrs., 9 st. 13 lb.

Mr. O'B. Butler.

(Dark blue, straw hoop, black cap.)

Mr. T. Nolan's b. g. *Foreman*, by Bend Or or
Orme—Crusado, 8 yrs., 9 st. 7 lb.... Lawn.
(Emerald green, gold harps.)

Winner bred by Mr. Jas. Cleary; trained by Coulthwaite, at Hedgesford. (Off at 3.3.)

BETTING AT THE START.

7 to 1 agst. Red Lad.	20 to 1 agst. Rathvale.
7 „ 1 „ Ascetic's Silver.	20 „ 1 „ Barabbas II.
8 „ 1 „ Eremon.	20 „ 1 „ Centre Board.
10 „ 1 „ Extravagance.	20 „ 1 „ Drumcree.
100 „ 8 „ Timothy Titus.	33 „ 1 „ Napper Tandy.
100 „ 7 „ Ravenscliffe.	40 „ 1 „ Buckaway II.
100 „ 6 „ Tom West.	40 „ 1 „ Detail.
100 „ 6 „ Kilts.	50 „ 1 „ others (offered).

There was no special place betting, and proportionate odds were accordingly the order of the day.

THE RACE.

At the second attempt Mr. Coventry got them off, Eremon at once dashing to the front. At the first fence Kilts fell and broke his neck, and at the third Rathvale came down, and getting away from his jockey, went on by himself. At this point Timothy Titus assumed temporary command of Eremon, Roman Law, Centre Board and Extravagance, York II. heading the next division and old Drumcree whipping them in. At the railway turn at the top of the course, Eremon ran up to Timothy Titus, the pair being six lengths ahead of Red Lad, Detail and the others, Tom West being last. Centre Board refused the fence at the turn and Timothy Titus fell

at the open ditch. Eremon now resumed the lead, Ascetic's Silver, apparently hopelessly beat, toiling along in the rear.

At the fence before the water the riderless Rathvale interfered with Extravagance, causing him to fall in front of the stands, and Newey on Eremon had to hit him over the head to make him keep his distance at the water.

At the second fence in the country, Seisdon Prince was pulled up, whilst Becher's Brook proved fatal to York II. and Roman Law. Eremon now drew right away from his field, Patlander, Tom West and Bouchal Ogue being his nearest attendants, and at the fence before Valentine's, Detail fell, and Red Lad failing to rise at the open ditch brought down Bouchal Ogue and Loop Head. After jumping Valentine's Brook, Eremon was just twenty lengths in front of Tom West, who was about the same distance ahead of Ravenscliffe, Barabbas II. and Patlander, and to these the race was now confined.

Once on the race-course, Tom West made a determined effort to get up to the leader, but it was of no avail, and Eremon drawing away, closely followed by the riderless Rathvale, whose motto was evidently "Be into them I will," sailed home a gallant winner by six lengths, Patlander beating Ravenscliffe by a

neck for third place. Barabbas II. was fifth, Ascetic's Silver twenty lengths away sixth, Buck-away II. (who fell five fences from home and was remounted) seventh, and Napper Tandy last.

Time : 9 mins. $47\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

PEDIGREE OF THE WINNER.

ERE MON (1901)	Thurles	Warspite	Uncas	Stockwell	The Baron.
				Nightingale	Pocahontas.
	Mrs. Jones		Paul Jones		Mountain Deer.
			Adelaide		Clarinda.
	Sweet Berry	Macaroni	Sweetmeat	Paul Jones	Buccaneer.
			Jocese		Queen of the Gypsies.
	Sweet Briar		Strathconan		Newminster.
			Verbena		Tasmania.
	Daisy	Gladiateur	Monarque	Strathconan	Gladiator.
			Miss Gladiator		Lollypop.
Carol	Lord Gough		Rataplan		Pantaloons.
			Espoir		Banter.
	Battaglia		Salvator	Monarque	Newminster.
			Music		Souvenir.
	Carnaby		Hubert or	Miss Gladiator	Sir Tatton Sykes.
			Theobald		Lady Claremont.
			Wilna	Hubert or	The Emperor.
				Theobald	Poetess.
					Gladiator.
					Taffrail.
					The Baron.
					Pocahontas.
					Liverpool.
					Esperance.
					Dollar.
					Sauvigne.
					Stockwell.
					One Act.
					Stockwell.
					Red Hart mare.
					De Clare.
					Lady Georgiana.

Glorious weather, the presence for the first time of the Heir Apparent to the throne, and extra

facilities for reaching the course, amongst them, made ample amends for any shortcomings there might be, and undoubtedly were, in the quality of the field for the Grand National of 1907, if the largest crowd we ever saw gathered together at Aintree is any criterion. It only wanted a popular fancy to win, to send everybody away happy, and as this duly came about, and in a highly sensational fashion, the great event of the day left the pleasantest recollections behind in the minds of all who witnessed it.

Ascetic's Silver, who many thought would win again in such moderate company, was voted a bit big by the critics, and perhaps nothing pleased the eye more than Extravagance, with his tail plaited in old-fashioned style, and trained to the hour, whose fall in front of the stands, the result of being interfered with by the riderless Rathvale, was a great disappointment to a good many people.

Though perhaps he had not much to beat, Eremont won like a real good horse, and may possibly earn a name for himself in the future which will entitle him to be classified with such horses as Disturbance, The Lamb, Cloister, and Manifesto; whilst the fine horsemanship of Newey, who rode all the way from the second fence with only one stirrup, hampered, in

addition, by the unwelcome attention of the riderless Rathvale, will surely go down to posterity.

Gratifying as the victory of Eremon must have been to his sporting young owner, it must have been even more so to Tom Coulthwaite, who from first to last made no secret of his belief in his charge's ability to win.

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